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VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SENATE, &c.

At the first Meeting of the Seventh SESSION.

IN Pursuance of His Excellency the Governor's Proclamation of the 9th Day of December, 1783, requiring the Senate and Assembly to meet at the City of *New-York*, on Tuesday the sixth Day of January then next, several Members met; and for Want of a sufficient Number to form a Quorum, continued to meet and adjourn from Day to Day until this twenty-first Day of the same Month, when the Honorable PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor, and the following Gentlemen, as Members, appeared in the Senate-Chamber, viz.

From the Southern District.
James Duane,
Isaac Roosevelt,
Isaac Stoutenburgh,
Alexander Mc. Dougall,
Stephen Ward,
Samuel Townsend,
} Esqrs.

From the Middle District.
Ephraim Paine,
Jacobus Swartwout,
Arthur Parks,
Thomas Palmer.
} Esqrs.

From the Western District.
Abraham Yates, jun.
Jacob G. Klock.
} Esqrs.

From the Eastern District.
Alexander Webster,
John Williams.
} Esqrs.

Mr. Swartwout, elected at the late Election in the Middle District, and Mr. Duane, Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Stoutenburgh, Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Ward and Mr. Townsend, elected at the late Election in the Southern District, having taken and subscribed the Oath as by Law directed, before the Honorable Pierre Van Cortlandt, Esq; one of the Commissioners for that Purpose appointed; the President took the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane and Mr. Yates, wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the Senate is ready to proceed to Business.

Ordered, That Mr. Roosevelt wait on the Honorable the House of Assembly, with the like Message.

Mr. Duane reported, that they had waited on his Excellency; and that he was pleased to say, that when he was informed the Honorable the House of Assembly were ready to proceed to Business, he would send a Message to the Senate.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Sears and Mr. Gordon, was received, informing that they were ready to proceed to Business.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, was received, requesting the immediate Attendance of the Senate in the Assembly-Chamber.

The Preſident accordingly left the Chair, and with the Senate proceeded to the Aſſembly-Chamber; and being returned, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and informed the Senate, that his Excellency the Governor had made a Speech to the Legiſlature, of which he had obtained a Copy: Which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

" *Gentlemen of the Senate, and of the Aſſembly,*

IT is not without much Regret, that I have been prevented from aſſembling you at an earlier Period. The dilatory movements of the Britiſh forces, ſubſequent to the proviſional Articles, and the Meaſures preparatory to the late Elections, have deprived me of the Pleaſure of congratulating you more ſeaſonably, on the great and important Events which have taken Place ſince the laſt Seſſions; and they have deprived the State of your Aid, in many Affairs which earneſtly demanded a legiſlative Proviſion.

" By the Favour of divine Providence, the Seal is put to our Independence, our Liberties are eſtabliſhed on the firmeſt Baſis, and Freedom in this Diſtrict ſeems to derive additional Luſtre from the Objects which remind us of the Deſpotiſm that ſo lately prevailed. While we recollect the general Progreſs of a War which has been marked with Cruelty and Rapine; while we ſurvey the Ruins of this once flouriſhing City, and its Vicinity; while we ſympathize in the Calamities which have reduced ſo many of our virtuous Fellow-Citizens to Want and Diſtreſs, and are anxiouſly ſolicitous for Means to repair the Waſtes and Misfortunes which we lament; how ought our Hearts to overflow with Love and Gratitude to our adorable Creator, thro' whoſe gracious Interpoſition, Bounds have been ſet, and probably forever, to ſuch Scenes of Horror and Devaſtation.

" Permit me to number with the pleaſing Events, which call for our Praiſe, the Attention of thoſe Patriots, both Citizens and Soldiers who have returned to this City, to the Honor and Dignity of Government. By their Obedience to the Laws, and their Care to preſerve Peace and good Order, they have diſappointed the Wiſhes of our Enemies, and convinced the World, by their Moderation in Proſperity and Fortitude in Adverſity, that they merit the Prize for which they have ſo nobly contended.

Viewing, as I truſt you will, the Bleſſings we now enjoy, as Effects flowing from our Union, you cannot but be attentive to every Meaſure which has a Tendency to cement it, and to give that Energy to our national Councils, which may be neceſſary to the general Welfare. In this Confidence I now lay before you, ſuch Acts of Congreſs as have been received in the Receſs of the Legiſlature. As the Addreſs of Congreſs, which accompanies thoſe Acts, enters fully into the reaſoning on the Meaſures they recommend, I ſhall, without enlarging, ſubmit them to your ſerious Conſideration, with this ſingle Remark; that though Fear may ſupport a Deſpotiſm, and an hereditary Nobility uphold the Throne of a limited Monarch, nothing but good Faith and public Virtue, can give Authority or Credit to a free Republic. Theſe Sentiments, and others highly worthy of the Attention of a free People, are ſtrongly enforced in the laſt circular Letter of our patriotic and illuſtrious Commander in Chief.---A Performance which I communicate with very great Satisfaction; confident that it is derived from ſo high an Authority, is executed with ſuch Wiſdom and Perſpicuity, and enforced with ſuch affectionate Zeal for our national Honor and Intereſt, that it cannot fail of making deep Impreſſions, and of meeting with the moſt reſpectful Notice,

Among other national Objects, which the Papers I ſhall now deliver you, will point out for your Conſideration, are the Arrears due to our fellow Citizens, whoſe Arms have ſo eſſentially contributed to the Independence and Security we enjoy; and it is with Pleaſure I embrace this Occaſion, to do the Line of this State the Juſtice to obſerve, that from the Moment of their being diſbanded to this Hour, not one among them has, to my Knowledge, been accuſed of Miſconduct, or a Violation of the Laws. Their Wants have not forced them into the Commiſſion of Injuries, nor have their Arms rendered them forgetful that they were Citizens. Such Citizens have a double Claim to your Patronage and Protection. With

With the Matters of ſuperior Moment, which at this Time call for your ſerious Examination, is an Attempt of the Britiſh Court, by a Proclamation of July laſt, to monopolize to themſelves, the Trade of the United States, with the Weſt-Indies, by reſtricting the Importation of American Produce into thoſe Iſlands to Britiſh Veſſels only, and the Exportion of Weſt-India Produce into theſe States, to Veſſels of the ſame Deſcription. It is exceedingly Difficult to hold any Intercourſe with a Nation that will not ſuffer her Commerce with other States, to be governed by Principles of Equality and Reciprocity; but that ſuch a Spirit of Monopoly ſhould prevail in the Seller, (for Britain as a commercial Nation abounding in Manufactures, is principally to be viewed in this light) and be arbitrarily held out to the Buyer, who has his Choice of Markets, is as inconſiſtent with the Intereſt of Trade, as it muſt be odious and diſguſtful to thoſe whom it is intended to enſnare or depreſs. Permit me to obſerve, that one Effect which the Proclamation alluded to, has a Tendency to produce, is that of throwing the Trade, heretofore mutually carried on between the Inhabitants of America and thoſe of the Weſt-Indies, into the Hands of Perſons ſtiling themſelves, or acting among us, in the Diſguiſe of Britiſh Subjects; to the great Diſhonor of the American Flag, the Injury of the fair Trader and real Citizen, and the Diminution and Corruption of national Character. There is conſiderable Ground to apprehend, that the Conduct of the Britiſh Court, in this Inſtance, is founded on a Preſumption that the confederated Powers of the United States, is not adequate to prevent the Innovation. It becomes therefore our Intereſt and our Duty, to undeceive them, and if the Powers given by the Confederation are not competent for this purpoſe, to enlarge them; for it is obvious, that any partial Exertions of the States, individually, to correct this Evil, will prove ineffectual.

While I am on the Subject of Commerce, permit me Gentlemen, to call your Attention to the earlieſt and moſt effectual Means for reſtoring and improving that of this State. Our Ports, ſo long withheld from us, are at length open to all the World. Let us give, to all, Protection, Encouragement and Security, by providing that equal Juſtice be adminiſtered to the Stranger as well as the Citizen, that the Recovery of Debts be ſpeedy and effectual, that the Fulfilment of Contracts be enforced, that our Staples be ſo inſpected as to prevent future Impoſition, and effectually to revive their Reputation in foreign Ports, where, for Want of ſufficient Care, it has been greatly impaired. By theſe Means, Credit, the Parent of Commerce, will multiply her Benefits, and Security from Impoſitions add to the Value of our Commodities; while the Stranger it invites, will reduce the Price of thoſe we get from abroad.

The Eſtabliſhment of productive Funds for the Diſcharge of the Intereſt, and for ſinking, as ſoon as may be practicable, the Principal of the public Debts, is an Object of ſo much Moment, and which ſo eſſentially involves the Proſperity of our Citizens and the Honor of Government, that it cannot fail of claiming the moſt attentive Conſideration. Among the Means that preſent themſelves, for making this Proviſion, beyond direct Taxation, are the Diſpoſition of public Lands, internal Duties and Exciſes, Marine Paſſes, and a Duty on Sales at Vendue. The Land-Office will, I flatter myſelf, be ſo regulated, as while it is rendered an Object of Revenue, it will at the ſame Time, afford the utmoſt Encouragement to the ſpeedy Settlement of the Country. The Cultivation of our Lands ought to be one of our firſt Cares, ſince the Riches of a State is to be found in the Number of its People. In this View, perhaps it may not be improper to invite the Strangers to partake of the politi-al Bleſſings which we ſo happily enjoy, by facilitating the Means of Naturalization, and of obtaining and inheriting a Portion of the unappropriated Lands.

It is my Duty to recommend to your early Conſideration, ſuch a Proviſion for the ſupport of the Officers of Government, as is conſiſtent with its Dignity, and will tend to procure, or continue in public Office, Men of Integrity and Abilities, now that a Field is open for the Diſplay of Talents and Induſtry; and they have a Proſpect of advancing themſelves and their Families in private Life. It is an undeniable Truth, that in Republics, where the Force of Government depends on a Reſpect for the Magiſtracy, ignorant or vicious Magiſtrates muſt ſoon bring the Laws into Contempt, and involve the Ruin of the State.

Neglect

Neglect of the Education of Youth, is among the Evils conſequent on War... Perhaps there is ſcarce any Thing more worthy your Attention, than the Revival and Encouragement of Seminaries of Learning; and nothing by which we can more ſatisfactorily expreſs our Gratitude to the ſupreme Being, for his paſt Favours; ſince Piety and Virtue are generally the Offspring of an enlightened Underſtanding.

Permit me, Gentlemen, to mention the Neceſſity of proceeding to the immediate Election of Members to compoſe a Council of Appointment; as for Want of this Board, great Inconveniencies have already ariſen in this Diſtrict of the State; which, from its peculiar Situation, is deſtitute of the neceſſary Officers of Government. I would alſo remind you, that we have been for ſome Time unrepreſented in Congreſs, with a View that early Meaſures may be taken for the Appointment of Delegates. I need not obſerve, that there are few Objects in which the Honor and Safety of the United States, and of each particular State is more intereſted, than in the character of the Members of the great national Council.

A Reviſion of our Laws, paſſed during the War, in Order to conform them to our preſent Situation, the Organization of the Militia, and ſuch Proviſion for Magazines and military Stores, as are neceſſary, as well for our own Defence and Security, as a due Compliance with the Terms of our Conſtitution and the Confederation, will I truſt, alſo in the Courſe of the Seſſion, engage your Attention.

The Settlement of the Accounts between this State and its Citizens, and the United States, has been moſt unfortunately protracted. The Reaſons which have expoſed us to this great public Inconvenience, are explained by my Correſpondence with the Delegates and the Superintendent of Finance on this Subject, which is preſented for your Information.—A Gentleman has at length undertaken the Office of Commiſſioner of Accounts for this State, and will proceed to the Execution of his Truſt without Delay.

You will perceive from the Communications which relate to the Subject that I have not been inattentive to the Circumſtances of the Weſtern Poſts within this State.—They are undoubtedly of great Importance for the Protection of our Trade, and our frontier Settlements; and it was with Concern, I learnt that the Propoſitions made by the State for garriſoning thoſe Poſts, were not acceded to by Congreſs. It afforded me, however, ſome Satisfaction, to find that the Commander in Chief was in purſuit of Meaſures for that Purpoſe. But my Expectations proved fruitleſs. The Britiſh Commander in that Department, treating the proviſional Articles, as a Suſpenſion of Hoſtilities only, declined to withdraw his Garriſons, and refuſed even to permit us to viſit thoſe Poſts. It is neceſſary for me to add, that it will now be impracticable to take Poſſeſſion of them until Spring; and that I have no Reaſon to believe, that Congreſs have or are likely to make any Proviſion for the Expence, which will neceſſarily incur: It therefore remains for you to take this intereſting Subject into your farther Conſideration.

GENTLEMEN,

Without detaining you any longer, I ſhall now leave with you my Correſpondence with Sir Guy Carleton; the Proceedings of the Council conſtituted for the temporary Government of the Southern Diſtrict, and other Papers neceſſary for your Information; and in the Courſe of the Seſſion, I ſhall lay before you the Accounts of my Receipts and Expenditures, and from Time to Time, communicate by Meſſage ſuch other Matters as may require your Attention. From the Wiſdom and Magnanimity, which the Legiſlatuae hath uniformly manifeſted in every Stage of the late arduous Conflict, I have the higheſt Confidence, that your preſent Deliberations will be conducted with Harmony, be influenced by a ſteady Attention to the public Good, and be productive of moſt extenſive and eſſential Advantages to our Country.

GEORGE CLINTON.

New-York, 21ſt January, 1784.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Reſolved, That a reſpectful Anſwer be given by this Senate to his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Yates, prepare and report the ſame.

Reſolved, That his Excellency's Speech be committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Reſolved, That the Senate will To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on his Excellency's Speech.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, by Mr. Chief Juſtice, was received, returning the Bill paſſed at the laſt Meeting of the Legiſlature, entitled, "An Act declaratory of the Alieniſm of Perſons therein deſcribed," with the Objections of the ſaid Council to the ſaid Bill becoming a Law of this State.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Bill, be poſtponed until To-morrow.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, January 22d, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

On reading a Letter from the Sheriff of Ulſter County, directed to the Clerk of this Senate;

Ordered, That the Clerk procure and lay on the Table To-morrow Morning, the Poll-Liſts of the Elections held for Senators in the Middle Diſtrict of the State, in the Years 1781, 1782, and 1783, together with a Copy of his Notification to the reſpective Sheriffs in the ſaid Diſtrict, previous to the ſaid Election in 1783; and ſuch other Papers as may be neceſſary on an Inquiry into, and Determination of the Caſes ſtated by the Clerk at the laſt Meeting of the Legiſlature, relative to certain Difficulties which have ariſen in the Claſſing of the Senators of the ſaid Diſtrict.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane, Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Yates, Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Paine, be a Committee for Ways and Means.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt, Mr. Townſend and Mr. Mc. Dougall, be a Committee for Trade.

Ordered, That Mr. Yates and Mr. Duane, be a Committee to examine the Laws; and from Time to Time to report ſuch as require to be revived, reviſed or repealed.

The Senate, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on his Excellency's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh, from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Ordered, That the Re-conſideration of the Bill returned by the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, with Objections, be farther poſtponed until To-morrow.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, January 23d, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

The Senate again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on his Excellency's Speech; and after ſome conſiderable Time ſpent therein, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh, from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs; and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Ordered, That the Re-conſideration of the Bill returned by the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, with Objections, be farther poſtponed until Monday next.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, January 24th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

Lewis Morris, Eſq; a Senator, elected at the late Election in the Southern Diſtrict, having taken the Oath by Law directed, before the Honorable Pierre Van Cortlandt, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe appointed, took his Seat.

On Motion of Mr. Mc. Dougall, the Senate proceeded to the Conſideration of the firſt of the two Caſes ſtated by the Clerk at the laſt Meeting of the Legiſlature, relative to certain Difficulties which had ariſen in the Claſſing of the Senators of the Middle Diſtrict; and after ſome conſiderable Time ſpent therein, Mr. Duane moved for the following Reſolution, viz.

"*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Senate, that Thomas Palmer, Eſq; was, at the Election of Senators in the Middle Diſtrict, in the Year 1781, elected a Senator in the Stead of Ephraim Paine, Eſq; whoſe Seat had become vacant by Expulſion."

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put on the ſaid Motion, it paſſed in the Affirmative by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Paine and Mr. Palmer, who voted in the Negative. Thereupon

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Senate, that Thomas Palmer, Eſq; was, at the Election of Senators in the Middle Diſtrict, in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty-One, elected a Senator in the Stead of Ephraim Paine, Eſq; whoſe Seat had become vacant by Expulſion.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, January 26th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Parks,		

Whereas this Senate did, on the 21ſt Day of February laſt, reſolve, "That whenever a Senator's Seat becomes vacant by Death or Expulſion, the Member elected in his Stead ought to ſerve only until the Expiration of the Term for which the Perſon, whoſe Seat he ſhall fill, was elected;"

And whereas this Senate, did on Saturday laſt, reſolve it as their Opinion, "That Thomas Palmer, Eſq; was, at the Election of Senators in the Middle Diſtrict, in the Year 1781, elected a Senator in the Stead of Ephraim Paine, Eſq; whoſe Seat had become vacant by Expulſion.

Therefore reſolved, That the Seat of the ſaid Thomas Palmer, Eſq; in this Senate, became vacant at the Expiration of the laſt Year.

The Senate then proceeded to the Conſideration of the 2d of the two Caſes ſtated by the Clerk at the laſt Meeting of the Legiſlature, relative to the Claſſing of certain Senators of the Middle Diſtrict: And thereupon

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Senate, that Ephraim Paine, Eſq; was, at the Election of Senators in the Middle Diſtrict, in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Two, elected a Senator in the Stead of Levy Pawling, Eſq; whoſe Seat had become vacant by his Deceaſe.

The Senate again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on his Excellency's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and

Mr.

Mr. Stoutenburgh, from the Committee, reported it as their Opinion, that such Parts of his Excellency's said Speech as relates to the Requisitions of the United States in Congress assembled; the Arrears due to the Troops in the Line of this State; and the Establishment of productive Funds for the Discharge of the Principal and Interest of the public Debts, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means—That such Part of the said Speech, as recommends the Regulation of the Trade, and Inspection of the Staples of this State, be referred to the Committee for Trade—That such Part of the Speech as recommends the Revival and Encouragement of Seminaries of Learning, be referred to a special Committee—That such Part of the said Speech as recommends the Revision of the Laws passed during the War, and the Organization of the Militia, be referred to the Committee appointed to examine the Laws—And that such Part of the said Speech as recommends a Provision for Magazines and military Stores, be referred to a special Committee; and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again, and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the same in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Commttee have Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Morris, be a Committee for Seminaries of Learning.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Swartwout and Mr. Webster, be a Committee for Magazines and military Stores.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane, Mr. Yates, and Mr. M'Dougall, be a Committe, to prepare and report Instructions for the Delegates from this State, in the United States in Congress assembled.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Sears, and Mr. Lansing) was received, with the following Resolution for Concurrence, viz. "Resolved, if the Honourable the Senate concur therein, that the Number of Delegates, to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled for the present Year, be five."

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof, be postponed until To-morrow; and that the Reconsideration of the Bill, returned by the Honorable the Council of Revision, with Objections, be farther postponed until Friday next.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 27th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members, (with the Addition of Mr. Duane) as Yesterday.

A Memorial of the Pay-masters and Agents, of the late Line of this State, in the Army of the United States, praying that transferrable Certificates may be issued, for certain Balances of Pay due, was read, and referred to the Committee for Ways and Means.

Mr. Duane, from the Committee for the Purpose appointed, reported a respectful Answer from this Senate, to his Excellency's Speech; which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, where the same was again read, considered by Paragraphs, and agreed to by the Senate.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The Senate proceeded to regulate the Classing of the Senators of the Southern District, and the same being finished, it was ordered, that the Classing of all the Senators be entered on the Journals of this Day; which is as follows, viz.

FIRST CLASS.

WILLIAM ALLISON, JOHN WILLIAMS, ISAAC ROOSEVELT,
JACOB G. KLOCK, LEWIS MORRIS, ABRAHAM YATES,

SECOND CLASS.

SAMUEL TOWNSEND, STEPHEN WARD, JACOBUS SWARTWOUT,
JOSEPH GASHERIE, ANDREW FINCH, ISAAC STOUTENBURGH.

THIRD

THIRD CLASS.

ELKANAH DAY, ARTHUR PARKS, WILLIAM FLOYD,
ALEXANDER Mc. DOUGALL, PHILIP SCHUYLER, EZRA L'HOMMEDIEU.

FOURTH CLASS.

JOHN HARING, WILLIAM B. WHITING, JAMES DUANE,
EPHRAIM PAINE, ALEXANDER WEBSTER, HENRY OOTHOUDT.

The Seats of the Senators of the Third Claſs become vacant at the Expiration of the preſent Year.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Reſolution of the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, relative to the Number of Delegates, to repreſent this State, in the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, be further poſtponed, until To-morrow.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, January 28th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment,

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

The engroſſed Anſwer to his Excellency's Speech was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the ſame be ſigned by the Preſident, in Behalf of this Senate; and is in the Words following, viz.

The ANSWER of the SENATE of the State of New-York, to the Speech of his Excellency GEORGE CLINTON, *Eſq; Governor of the ſaid State, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the ſame.*

SIR,

WE, the Senate, in Legiſlature convened, moſt reſpectfully return our Thanks to your Excellency, for your Speech.

We have had Reaſon to lament, with your Excellency, the dilatory Movements of the Britiſh Forces, ſubſequent to the Proviſional Articles. After the grievous Sufferings which our Citizens had ſuſtained, by a deſolating War, they could not but look forward with Impatience, to the Recovery of a Diſtrict of the State which comprehends our Capital, and is eſſential to the very Exiſtence of our Commerce; nor could they ſee without Grief and Indignation, the Evacuation protracted for many Months, and to an inclement Seaſon, which muſt neceſſarily expoſe our returning Exiles to new Scenes of Calamity and Diſtreſs. But let us draw a Veil over this laſt Act of Britiſh Injuſtice; let us, as far as poſſible, forget the Progreſs of an unnatural War, though marked in every Stage, with Cruelty and Rapine; let us ſurvey with Calmneſs, the Ruins of our City and its Vicinage, and patiently bear our Wants and Diſtreſſes:—They are the Price of Liberty, which could not be too dearly purchaſed. They are the Price of a Peace, Honorable and Glorious! Inſtead of repining at paſt Calamities, let us turn our Eyes to the Bleſſings which are placed within our reach; and let our Hearts overflow with Love and Gratitude to that adorable Being, by whoſe gracious Interpoſition, Bounds are ſet to the Hand of Violence, and our Sovereignty and Independence eſtabliſhed on the firmeſt Baſis.

The Moderation diſplayed by our patriot Citizens and Soldiers, in the Moment of their triumphant Entry into this Diſtrict, and their Care to preſerve good Order and Tranquillity, are honorable Proofs of the Magnanimity, which hath influenced the Defenders of American Freedom; and muſt hold them up to the World in a Point of View, the moſt laudable and moſt worthy of Imitation.

We view, with you Sir, the political Bleſſings which we now enjoy, as Effects flowing, under Divine Providence, from our fœderal Union; and we ſhall cheerfully embrace every proper Meaſure to cement and give it Energy and Stability. The Acts, Addreſs and Requiſitions of Congreſs, communicated by your Excellency, will meet accordingly, with a ſerious and reſpectful Conſideration. No Nation, in our Opinion, ever had more cogent Reaſons to apply vigorous Means to ſecure and ſatisfy the public

public Creditors: It is become the indispensable Duty, to which we are bound by all the Ties of Honor, Justice and Gratitude—Gratitude to that magnanimous Monarch, the Friend of Mankind, who first stood forth as our Ally; giving us the most generous and efficacious Succours; not only by his Arms, but his Credit and Treasures.—Gratitude to the Citizens of the United Netherlands; who from a Zeal for our Cause, committed their Country to the Hazard of War, and their Fortunes to our Integrity—Gratitude to our patriot Citizens, who in the most doubtful and perilous Conjunctures, relieved our pressing Wants, by liberal Loans—Gratitude to our gallant Army; by whose Courage, Perseverance and Sufferings, we have been rescued from ignominious Bondage!

The Sentiments of our patriotic and illustrious Commander in Chief, on the Subjects of national Honor, and national Justice, and the Fulfilment of all our national Engagements; which are inculcated with so much Favour, Wisdom and Affection, in the excellent circular Letter submitted to our Consideration, cannot fail of making very deep Impressions. It is his Excellency's peculiar Felicity to excell not less in the Cabinet than in the Field; and to deserve equal Praise for the Soundness of his Understanding, and the Goodness of his Heart. After all the Glory which he has acquired, by surmounting Danger and Distress in every Form, and contributing most essentially to the Blessings of Peace, Liberty and Independence, he has retired to the Shade of private Life; leaving behind him, Admonitions to Rulers and People, which will always be read with Advantage and Admiration. With great Satisfaction, Sir, we avail ourselves of this Opportunity, to pay our just Tribute of Affection and Applause to the Friend, and, under Heaven, the Saviour of his Country; to testify our highest Admiration of his exalted Conduct; to publish our thankful Acknowledgments for all his efficacious and splendid Services; and to offer up our earnest Supplications to the Almighty Governor of the Universe; that he may be graciously pleased to take him under his holy Protection, and to grant him all possible Prosperity and Happiness.

The manly Behaviour of the Line of our State at and since its Dissolution, justly deserves our Praise. We have often lamented the Causes which deprived them of the punctual Payment of their Wages, and shall loose no Opportunity, as far as it depends upon us, to have their Arrears adjusted, and the Balances discharged or secured. They possess every Claim to our Patronage and Protection; having been as much celebrated for Discipline and Bravery in the Field, as they are commendable for Patience and Forbearance on their Dismission to private Life, without the well earned Reward of their Dangers and Toils.

The Restraints which are meditated by the British Cabinet with respect to our West-India Trade, are far from being Proof of a conciliating or liberal Temper; But we do not apprehend, that our commercial Interests depend on the Favour of that or any Court in Europe; such are our Want and Consumption of foreign Manufactures, that no Nation who considers her true Interests ought to refuse us a free Intercourse on the Ground of Reciprocity and Equality. We are persuaded, that if Great-Britain should rely on a Defect of our federal Power, to oppose an unreasonable Project, she will find herself in this, as she has often been in other Speculations deceived.—The Love of Liberty will always render an enlightened People cautious, how they part with Power unnecessarily: but the same Temper will lead them to strengthen the Hands of their supreme Government, whenever their Honor, their Prosperity or their Safety shall be endangered. We shall not in the present Case, hesitate a Moment to enlarge the Authority of the United States in Congress assembled, (if on Inquiry it shall appear to be deficient or doubtful) so as to enable them effectually to disconcert every Plan which may be contrived for our Depression.

Persuaded, Sir, that much depends on regulating our Trade by the Principles of Justice and Liberality, it will give us Pleasure to promote such a System as will invite Strangers of all Nations to a free Intercourse, afford them the most ample Protection and Security, and prompt and efficious Remedies for the Recovery of their Debts and the Redress of Injuries; and for our Honor as well as our Interest, to provide salutary Guards to prevent Frauds and Impositions, and raise the Reputation of our staple Commodities at Home and abroad. Sensible that a Remissness either in the Framing or the Execution of our inspecting Laws, hath formerly proved a great pub-

lic Injury; and that it is an Evil which loudly calls for Correction, what has fallen from your Excellency on this Subject meets with our entire Concurrence.

The Eſtabliſhment of productive Funds for the Diſcharge of the Intereſt, and for ſinking as ſoon as may be, the Principal of the national Debt, is a Meaſure which is recommended by Experience—Nothing ſhort of it will, in our Opinion, relieve the Diſtreſſes of our Creditors, or maintain our national Dignity. The Means enumerated by your Excellency, under this Topic, deſerve ſerious Inveſtigation. The Land-Office, as it may promote the ſpeedy Cultivation of our Country, the Increaſe of Inhabitants, and in Connection with it, the Mode of Naturalization, is of the higheſt national Importance, and preſſes for immediate Conſideration.

We agree with your Excellency, that the Support of Government ought to be ſufficiently liberal to engage Men of Ability and Integrity, to accept of high and confidential Offices, and to excite them to diſcharge their Functions with unremitted Aſſiduity—We acknowledge it to be our Duty, as it will be our Pleaſure, to encourage Literature as one of the beſt Means of forming the Minds of our Youth to Virtue, and training them up to Uſefulneſs; we are fully perſuaded that the Appointment of Delegates, competent to the great Duties of that dignified and moſt important Station, ought not to be delayed; that the Militia ought to be organized, and military Magazines eſtabliſhed, according to the Spirit and Intention of the Articles of the fœderal Union and our own Conſtitution: Theſe reſpective Subjects, which are ſo properly enforced by your Excellency, we eſteem of great Magnitude, and in the Courſe of our Deliberations they will meet with the Attention which they merit.

We lament that the Settlement of the Accounts of this State, and its Citizens with the United States, hath been ſo long delayed—From this Source much diſcontent hath ariſen: Individuals have ſuffered grievious Injuries, and the Collection of public Taxes hath been fatally obſtructed. We flatter ourſelves, that no new Obſtacles will ariſe to retard the Progreſs of a Buſineſs, which, with Reaſon we have much at Heart.

The Circumſtances of our Weſtern Poſts, excite our Anxiety—We ſhall make no Comment on the Conduct of the Britiſh Officer in Canada, as explained by your Excellency's Communications—It would be in Vain. Convinced that our frontier Settlements, ſlowly emerging from the utter Ruin with which they were ſo lately Overwhelmed, and our Furr Trade, which conſtitutes a valuable Branch in our Remittances, will be protected by thoſe Poſts, we ſhall adopt the beſt Meaſures in our Power, for their Re-eſtabliſhment.

We are happy, Sir, in reflecting, that the good Intentions of the Legiſlature, during the late arduous Conflict, have been effectually ſeconded by your Excellency's wiſe, ſteady and upright Adminiſtration in the chief Seat of Government, and by your ſpirited and vigorous Conduct in the Field. We ſhall now proceed to the Buſineſs under our Conſideration, and give it as much Diſpatch as its Variety, Weight and Importance admit.

By Order of the Senate,

PIERRE VAN CORDTLANDT, Preſident.

Senate-Chamber, January 28, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane and Mr. Yates, wait on his Excellency the Governor, to know when and where he will be pleaſed to receive the Anſwer to his Speech.

Mr. Duane reported, that they had waited on his Excellency; and that he was pleaſed to appoint four o'Clock this Afternoon, at his own Houſe, to receive the Senate, with their Anſwer to his Speech.

A Memorial of Major-General Alexander Mc. Dougall, praying that a Proviſion be made for himſelf and Major-General James Clinton, and their reſpective Aids de Camp, Citizens of this State, for their Pay, while in Service in the Year 1781, ſimilar to that made for the Officers of the Regiment of Artillery, and the two Regiments of Infantry of this State, in the Service of the United States, for their Pay in that Year; was read, and referred to Mr. Duane, Mr. Yates, Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Paine.

A Petition of Ezekiel Robards, of the Diſtrict of Saratoga, praying that Proviſion

on be made for Arrears of Pay due while in the Service of the State, was read, and referred to Mr. Webster, Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Klock, Mr. Williams and Mr. Ward.

A Memorial of Samuel Loudon, Printer, praying that he may be employed in printing Part of the Laws and Journals of the Legislature, was read, and referred to Mr. Stoutenburgh, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Parks.

The Senate proceeded to the Consideration of the Resolution of the Honorable the House of Assembly, "That the Number of Delegates to represent this State in the United States in Congress assembled, for the present Year, be five."

Thereupon *Resolved*, That this Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their said Resolution.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) That this Senate will, on Tuesday next, at twelve o'Clock, proceed to the Nomination of five Delegates, to represent this State in the United States in Congress assembled.

Ordered, That Mr. Morris carry a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 3 oClock this Afternoon.

3 o'lock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members as in the Forenoon.

The President left the Chair, and with the Senate proceeded to wait on his Excellency the Governor, with their Answer to his Speech; and being returned, the President resumed the Chair, and informed the Senate, that his Excellency had been pleased to make a Reply to the Answer of the Senate, of which he had obtained a Copy; and the same being read, is in the Words following, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"BE pleased to accept my cordial Thanks for this very respectful and obliging Answer; and permit me to assure you, that the important Light in which you view the Business I have had the Honor to submit to your Consideration, and your generous Approbation of my Conduct, gives me the most sensible Pleasure.

GEORGE CLINTON."

New-York, January 28th, 1784.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, January 29th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members as Yesterday.

In Order that the several Committees may have an Opportunity of considering and reporting on the Subjects referred to them, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, January 30th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

Mr. Morris,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Yates,
Mr. Duane,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Parks,	

A Meſſage from his Excellency the Governor, was received, and read in the Words following, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"IT is with Pleaſure I embrace the earlieſt Opportunity of laying before you, a Proclamation of the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, under their Seal, dated the 14th Day of January Inſtant, announcing the Ratification of the definitive Articles of Peace and Friendſhip, between theſe States and his Britannic Majeſty, and enjoining a due Obſervance thereof.

"I alſo ſubmit to your Conſideration the Recommendation of the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, in Conformity to the ſaid Articles contained in their Reſolution of the ſaid 14th of January Inſtant.

New-York, 30th January, 1784. GEO. CLINTON."

The Proclamation and Recommendation accompanying his Excellency's Meſſage, were alſo read.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Meſſage be committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Brigadier General Hazen, in Behalf of himſelf and a Number of Canadian Refugees, praying that a certain Diſtrict of Country within this State, be ſet apart for their Uſe; was read, and referred to Mr. Whiting, Mr. Parks, and Mr. Paine.

A Petition of Ezekiel Scott, praying a Compenſation for his Services and Expences, in endeavouring to Recruit for the two Regiments of this State, raiſed on Bounties of unappropriated Lands; was read, and referred to Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Swartwout and Mr. Morris.

Mr. Mc. Dougall moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the Exportation of Gold and Silver out of this State.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Ordered, That the Reconſideration of the Bill, returned by the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, on the firſt Day of the preſent Meeting of the Legiſlature, with Objections; be farther poſtponed until Wedneſday next.

Then the Senate, for the Reaſon aſſigned Yeſterday, adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, January 31ſt, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members, (except Mr. Ward) as Yeſterday.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Mr. Livingſton, and Mr. Dennis, was received, with the following Reſolution for Concurrence, viz.

Reſolved, If the Honorable the Senate concur herein, that his Excellency the Governor be requeſted to apply to the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, for ſuch immediate Information, reſpecting the Arrangements of Congreſs, for Garriſoning the Weſtern and Northern Poſts in this State, as may be neceſſary to enable the Legiſlature at their preſent Meeting, to determine on the Meaſures requiſite to be adopted by this State, with reſpect to the ſaid Poſts."

Reſolved, That this Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their ſaid Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Townſend, carry a Copy of the aforegoing Reſolution of Concurrence, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Petition of Allen M'Lean, praying a Confirmation of an Order under the late Government, for a Grant of Land within this State; was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Ford and Mr. Nicholſon) was received, with the following Reſolution for Concurrence, viz.

"*Reſolved*, That it be recommended to the Treaſurer of this State, to remove the Treaſury as ſoon as conveniently may be, to the City of New-York, and that the Legiſlature

Legiſlature will provide for the Expence attending ſuch Removal; and alſo for the Payment of the Rent of ſuch convenient Office as he may hire."

Reſolved, That this Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, in their ſaid Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Townſend carry a Copy of the aforegoing Reſolution of Concurrence, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr. Yates prepare and bring in a Bill, to confirm the Acts and Proceedings of the Council appointed by the Act of the Legiſlature, entitled, "An Act to provide for the temporary Government of the Southern Parts of this State, whenever the Enemy ſhall abandon or be diſpoſſeſſed of the ſame; and until the Legiſlature can be convened," paſſed October 23d, 1779.

Mr. Yates accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Duane, from the Committee for Ways and Means, reported it as the Opinion of the Committee, that the following Bills ſhould be ordered to be brought in, viz. "A Bill for eſtabliſhing a Cuſtom-Houſe for the Port of New-York; a Bill to regulate Sales at public Vendue, Auctioneers and Brokers; and a Bill for laying a Duty on Tonnage of Veſſels, for defraying the Expence of the Light-Houſe at Sandy-Hook;" and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the ſame in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee prepare and bring the ſaid ſeveral Bills accordingly.

Mr. Duane, from the ſaid Committee, accordingly brought in the ſaid three Bills; which were reſpectively read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

On Motion of Mr. Morris, the Senate came to the following Reſolution and Order, viz.

"*Whereas* Mr. John Holt, late Printer to this State, hath, during his Life-time, from his warm, ſteady, and uniform Attachment to the Cauſe of American Freedom, and from his early, ſpirited, and numerous patriotic Publications, at the Commencement of the late War with Great-Britain, been of eminent Service to his Country: *And whereas* this Senate hath been informed of the Death of the ſaid John Holt;

"*Reſolved*, That Mrs. Holt, Relict of the ſaid John Holt, be employed in printing the Journals, and other Matters of this Senate.

"*Ordered*, That Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Morris and Mr. Stoutenburgh, be a Committee to conſult with Mrs. Holt, as to the Terms on which ſhe will undertake the Buſineſs, and report the ſame to this Senate."

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, February 2d, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment,

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

Mr. Morris,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Duane,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Townſend,
Mr. Parks.		

The Bill entitled, "An Act to confirm the Acts and Proceedings of the Council appointed by the Act of the Legiſlature, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Temporary Government of the Southern Parts of this State, whenever the Enemy ſhall abandon or be diſpoſſeſſed of the ſame, and until the Legiſlature can be convened."

And, the Bill entitled "An Act for laying a Duty on Tonnage of Veſſels, for defraying the Expence of the Light-Houſe, at Sandy-Hook," were reſpectively read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Platt and Mr. Savage) was received, with a Reſolution that, that Honorable Houſe would, on Tueſday next, at Twelve o'Clock, proceed to the Nomination of Delegates, agreeable to the Reſolution of this Senate, of the 28th Ultimo.

Mr. Duane, from the Committee appointed to report Inſtructions from the Legiſlature, to the Delagates from this State, in the United States in Congreſs aſſembled; made a Report, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, in the Words following, viz. "Whereas the Poſts at preſent occupied by the Britiſh Troops, in the Northern and Weſtern Parts of this State, may, on their Evacuation, be ſeized by Savages, inimical to theſe United States; whereby the Inhabitants of the Frontiers, may be expoſed to great Danger and Diſtreſs. And whereas, by the ſixth Article of the Confederation and perpetual Union, between the United States of America; it is declared, that no Body of Forces ſhall be kept up by any State, in Time of Peace, except ſuch Number only, as in the Judgement of the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, ſhall be deemed requiſite to Garriſon the Forts neceſſary for the Defence of ſuch State;

Reſolved therefore, if the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein, that the Delegates of this State, be and they are hereby inſtructed to repreſent to the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, that this State deem it eſſentially neceſſary to make Proviſion to garriſon the ſaid Poſts immediately on the Evacuation thereof, by the Britiſh Troops: That therefore the ſaid Delegates requeſt the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, to declare the Number of Troops which they may deem neceſſary for ſuch Garriſons. The ſaid Delegates, at the ſame Time, informing the ſaid United States, that it is the Opinion of this Legiſlature, that a Body of Troops not exceeding five Hundred Rank and File, properly officered, would be adequate for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

That the Delegates be further inſtructed to preſs Congreſs for a Deciſion in the long protracted Controverſy reſpecting the Right of this State, to the Diſtrict commonly called the New-Hampſhire Grants; not on Conſideration of public Expediency, but conſiſtency with the Aſſurances of Congreſs, according to Equity. That they repreſent in the moſt pointed Terms, the grievous Injuſtice done to the State by ſuch Delay, eſpecially after a Submiſſion in Compliance with the unanimous Recommendation of Congreſs; and claim moſt expreſsly a Performance of the ſolemn Engagement of Congreſs to make the ſaid Deciſion, on a Pledge no leſs ſacred than that of the Faith of the United States, which ought not to be violated on any Pretence whatſoever. That they likewiſe repreſent to Congreſs the Danger which may ariſe from further Procraſtination. That the Leaders of the Diſtrict in Queſtion, have actually raiſed Troops, and do now employ thoſe Troops to reduce other Inhabitants reſident in ſaid Diſtrict, and acknowledging themſelves Citizens of this State, to ſubmit to the ſaid aſſumed Government; and that when every State ought to be in the full Enjoyment of the Bleſſings of Peace, under the Protection of the Union; this alone is in the diſagreeable Situation of having Hoſtilities already commenced againſt its Citizens. But that if ſhe muſt recur to Force, for the Preſervation of her lawful Authority, the impartial World will pronounce that none of the Bloodſhed, Diſorder, or Diſunion, which may enſue, can be imputable to this Legiſlature, who appeal to the Journals of Congreſs for the Rectitude, Moderation, and Liberality of the Meaſures they have invariably purſued to produce an amicable Determination of the Controverſy. And laſtly, that they, if neceſſary, be moſt explicit on the Subject, and inform Congreſs that this Legiſlature conceive themſelves to be urgently preſſed by the great Duty of Self-preſervation, to prepare, without loſs of Time, for the worſt Event. And however ſincerely they are diſpoſed to maintain the Union, and to manifeſt an inviolable Reſpect for Congreſs, if the Deciſion which has ſo long in vain been ſolicited, ſhould not be pronounced within two Months, next after nine States ſhall be repreſented in Congreſs, ſubſequent to this State being repreſented there, no further Expectations can be entertained of ſuch Deciſion, and that this State, with whatever deep Regret, will be compelled to conſider herſelf as left to purſue her own Councils, deſtitute of the Protection of the United States, towhoſe Judgement they have cheerfully ſubmitted, and on whoſe Juſtice they have hitherto relied.

That the Delegates be further inſtructed to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours, to prevent any further foreign Loans, and to promote Œconomy in the public Expenditures. That they pay a particular Attention to the Inſtructions of the Legiſlature

to

o the Delegates, passed the fifteenth Day of November, 1781, which are entered t large on the Journals of Congress.

The Committee further report it as their Opinion, that if Congress should delay he Decision of the said Controversy, after the Time above limited, it ought to e considered as a Denial of Justice. That the Act, entitled, "An Act to mpower the Congress of the United States of America, to determine all Controersies, relative to certain Lands in the Counties of Cumberland, Gloucester, harlotte and Albany, commonly called the New-Hampshire Grants, passed the 1st Day of October, 1779, ought to be repealed; in Order that this Legislature nay be left at Liberty, to propose an Adjustment of the said Dispute in the Mode rescribed by the 9th Article of the fœderal Union, or to take such other Measures s the Preservation of their Country, from lawless Invasion and Encroachment, may equire.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, February 3d, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members, as Yesterday.

A Memorial of the Aldermen and Common Council of the City of New-York, epresenting the Injuries sustained by the said Corporation and their Constituents, by he wanton Destruction on their Houses and other Buildings, by the British Forces, nd the impaired Circumstances of the said Corporation and their Constituents; as read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Samuel Frauncis, praying that he may have the Benefit of the Law, elative to Debts due to Persons within the Enemy's Lines; was read, and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Senate proceeded to the Nomination of five Delegates, to represent this State n the United States in Congress assembled, for the present Year; and Philip Schuyer, Alexander Mc Dougall, Ephraim Paine, John Lansing and John Rutherford, Esquires; were openly nominated. Thereupon

Resolved, That Philip Schuyler, Alexander Mc Dougall, Ephraim Paine, John Lansing and John Rutherford, Esquires; are nominated by this Senate, to represent this State in the United States in Congress assembled, for the present Year.

Resolved, That this Senate will meet the Honorable the House of Assembly in the Senate-Chamber, at such Time as they shall appoint, to compare the Lists of the Persons nominated by the Senate and Assembly, respectively, to represent this State n the United States in Congress assembled, for the present Year.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane carry a Copy of the aforegoing Resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Sears and Mr. Malcom) was received, with a Resolution, that they would immediately meet the Senate in the Senate-Chamber accordingly.

The Senate and Assembly accordingly met, and the Honorable the House of Assembly having left the Senate-Chamber, the President informed the Senate, that on omparing the respective Lists of the Senate and Assembly, they were found to agree s to the Names of Alexander Mc. Dougall, Ephraim Paine, and John Lansing, Esquires; but that Charles D'Witt and Walter Livingston, Esquires, were the other wo Persons nominated by the Honorable the House of Assembly; and that thereupn the Senate and Assembly proceeded to Ballot, and that on the Ballots being taen and told, a Majority appeared in Favour of Charles D'Witt and Walter Liingston, Esquires. Thereupon

Resolved, That the Honorable Alexander Mc. Dougall, Ephraim Paine, Charles D'Witt, Walter Livingston, and John Lansing, Esquires, are duly nominated and appointed Delegates to represent this State in the United States in Congress assemled, for the present Year.

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Mr. Mc. Dougall moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of this State with the United States.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Mc. Dougall, accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for naturalizing Foreigners.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, February 4th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Paine,	Mr. L' Hommedieu,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Morris.	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Duane,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Stoutenburgh.

William Floyd and Ezra L' Hommedieu, Eſquires; Senators, elected at the late Election in the Southern Diſtrict, appeared, and after having taken the Oath by Law directed before the Honorable Pierre Van Cortlandt, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe appointed, took their Seats.

Reſolved, That any Member of this Senate, who ſhall not attend at the Hour to which it ſhall at any Time be adjourned, and who ſhall not aſſign a ſufficient Excuſe to the Satisfaction of the Senate, ſhall be reprimanded by the Preſident from the Chair, for ſuch his Non-attendance, and the Reprimand ſhall be entered on the Journals.

The Senate proceeded to the Re-conſideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act declatory of the Alieniſm of Perſons therein deſcribed," returned by the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, with Objections, on the firſt Day of the preſent Meeting of the Legiſlature, and after ſome conſiderable Time ſpent therein, it was ordered that the further Re-conſideration thereof be poſtponed until Wedneſday next.

Reſolved, That there be a Call of the Senate, and that the Clerk write Letters to the abſent Members, requiring their Attendance in their Seats without Delay.

Mr. Yates moved, "That the Delegates of this State be inſtructed to move in Congreſs, that the Office of Receiver of Continental Taxes in this State, be immediately diſcontinued, as a Waſte of Public Money, "*On an Office which may be executed by the Treaſurer of this State, without additional Salary or Fees.*"

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Motion, be poſtponed until Monday next.

Mr. Yates then moved, "That they be further intruſted to move [illegible] ſoon as Circumſtances will permit, that the Office of Superintendant of the Finances of the United States, be diſcontinued."

Mr. Mc. Dougall moved the previous Queſtion, "That the Queſtion on Mr. Yates's Motion, be not now put."

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put on the ſaid Motion, it paſſed in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

That the Queſtion on Mr. Yates's Motion, be not put.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Webſter,	

That the Queſtion on Mr. Yates's Motion be now put.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Williams,

Reſolved

Resolved, That the Question on Mr. Yates's said Motion, be not now put.

Mr. Yates then moved, "That they be instructed to move in Congress, for a Reconsideration of the Act of Congress, of the 18th of April, 1783, respecting the Quotas of the several States, with a View to obtain an Abatement in the Quota of this State," which was agreed to by the Senate.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) That the Delegates of this State be, and they are hereby instructed to move in Congress, for a Reconsideration of the Act of Congress of the 18th of April, 1783, respecting the Quotas of the several States, with a View to obtain an Abatement in the Quota of this State.

A Petition of David Colden, Esq; praying that the Legislature would be favourably pleased to revise the Act, under which he suffers, entitled, "An Act for the Forfeiture and Sale of the Estates of Persons who have adhered to the Enemies of this State, and for declaring the Sovereignty of the People of this State, in respect to all Property within the same;" and to grant him Relief in such Way, as to them, in their great Wisdom, may seem proper; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to confirm the Acts and Proceedings of the Council appointed by the Act of the Legislature, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Temporary Government of the Southern Parts of this State, whenever the Enemy shall abandon or be dispossessed of the same, and until the Legislature can be convened." After some Time spent therein, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. L'Hommedieu, from the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, February 5th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,
And the same Members as Yesterday.

A Petition of James Jauncey, Esq; praying Relief against the Confiscation Law, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of Henry Glen, Esq; praying that an Agent or Agents may be directed to contract with him for the Transportation of Stores and Merchandize to the Western Posts, and for supplying the Garrisons with Provisions; was read, and referred to Mr. Klock, Mr. Yates and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

A Petition of Joshua Mercereau and William Shepherd, in Behalf of themselves and others, praying a Confirmation of a Purchase made from the Indians, by Authority of the late Government, of a certain Tract of Land between the Patents of Hosick and Pitts-Town, was read, and referred to Mr. Duane, Mr. L'Hommedieu and Mr. Whiting.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels, for defraying the Expence of the Light-House, at Sandy-Hook;" After some Time spent therein, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh, from the Committee reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, February 6th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,
And the same Members (with the Addition of Mr. Oothoudt) as Yesterday.

Mr. L'Hommedieu, from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act to confirm the Acts and Proceedings of the Council appointed by the Act of the Legiſlature, entitled, "An Act to provide for the temporary Government of the Southern Parts of this State, whenever the Enemy ſhall abandon or be diſpoſſeſſed of the ſame; and until the Legiſlature can be convened," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and altered the Title, as follows, "An Act to revive and continue in force, certain Ordinances therein mentioned;" and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Veſſels, for defraying the Expence of the Light-Houſe at Sandy-Hook," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Duane from the Committee for the Purpoſe appointed, preſented the Information given before this Senate on Oath, and the ſeveral Papers produced by the two Perſons from Cumberland County, relative to the Diſorders and Violences committed on the well-affected Citizens of this State, reſiding in the North-eaſtern Parts thereof, ſons under Authority of the uſurped Government commonly called Vermont; and the ſaid Information and Papers being read;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Information and Papers be immediately communicated to Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly; and that Mr. Paine wait on the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, with the ſaid Information and Papers accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY, MORNING, February 7th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members, (with the Addition of Mr. Ward) as Yeſterday.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to revive and continue in Force, certain Ordinances therein mentioned," was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence thereto.

A Memorial of Azariah Dunham, late Aſſiſtant Commiſſary of Purchaſes, praying Relief againſt Suits brought againſt him, for Proviſions purchaſed for the Army; was read, and referred to Mr. Morris and Mr. Whiting.

A Meſſage from his Excellency the Governor, was received and read, in the Words following, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"BY this Meſſage I ſubmit to your Conſideration, a Letter from his Excellency the Governor of Maſſachuſetts of the 31ſt of October laſt, together with certain Reſolutions of the General Court of that State of the 21ſt, 22d, and 28th, of the ſame Month. I forbear making any Comment on the Subject; being fully perſuaded, that the Legiſlature will adopt the moſt proper Meaſures, for vindicating the Rights of this State, againſt the new and extraordinary Claims which thoſe Acts affect to eſtabliſh.

GEO. CLINTON."

New-York, February 7th, 1784.

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The Letter and Reſolutions accompanying his Excellency's Meſſage, were alſo read.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Meſſage, be committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Savage and Mr. Cooper) was received, with the following Reſolution for Concurrence, viz.

"*Reſolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) that the Information taken before the Honorable the Senate, of the two Perſons from Cumberland County, and the Papers by them produced, relative to certain late Diſorders committed in the Diſtrict, commonly called the New-Hampſhire Grants, by Perſons under the uſurped Government of the State of Vermont, be referred to a joint Committee of both Houſes of the Legiſlature; and in Caſe of ſuch Concurrence, that Mr. Ford, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Nicholſon, Mr. Coe and Mr. Lott, be of the ſaid Committee on the Part of this Houſe."

Reſolved, That this Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, in their ſaid Reſolution, and that Mr. Duane, Mr. Paine and Mr. Floyd, be of the ſaid Committee on the Part of this Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. L'Hommedieu, carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Savage and Mr. Cooper) was received, with the following Reſolution for Concurrence, viz.

"*Reſolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concure herein) that the Meſſage from his Excellency the Governor of this Day, be referred to a joint Committee of both Houſes of the Legiſlature; and in Caſe of ſuch Concurrence, that Mr. R. Harpur, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Pell, Mr. Gelſton and Mr. Adgate, be of the ſaid Committee on the Part of this Houſe."

The Senate then reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on his Excellency's ſaid Meſſage; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Swartwout from the ſaid Committee, reported as their Opinion, that the Senate ſhould concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, in their ſaid Reſolution; which Report was agreed to by the Senate. Thereupon

Reſolved, That this Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, in their ſaid Reſolution; and that Mr. Duane, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Paine, be of the ſaid Committee on the Part of this Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Veſſels, for defraying the Expence of the Light-Houſe at Sandy-Hook," was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence thereto.

A Memorial of John Morin Scott, Eſq; Secretary of this State, relative to the Secretary's Office, was read and referred to Mr. Yates, Mr. Oothoudt and Mr. L'Hommedieu.

Mr. L'Hommedieu moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to revive the Courts of Common Pleas and General Seſſions of the Peace, in the Counties of Suffolk, Queens and Richmond,

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. L'Hommedieu, accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, February 9th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

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Mr. Yates,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Parks.	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Morris,	
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	

Andrew Finck, Eſq; a Senator elected at the late Election in the Weſtern Diſtrict appeared, and having taken the Oath by Law directed, before the Honorable Pierre Van Cortlandt, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe appointed, took his Seat.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to revive the Courts of Common Pleas and General Seſſions of the Peace, in the Counties of Suffolk, Queens, Kings and Richmond," was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt, Mr. Duane and Mr. Finck, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for opening a Land-Office within this State.

Several Petitions for Grants of Lands within this State, were read, and referred to the ſaid Committee, viz. Of Samuel H. Parſons and others, a Committee on Behalf of ſeveral Officers of the late Connecticut Line, in the Army; of David Thompſon and others; of Uriah Mead and others; of David Daniels and others; of Richard Lord and others; and of Burr Gilbert and others, late of the Connecticut Line, in the Army; of Theodore Sprague and others, of John Whitney and others, of Samuel Jones and others, of Parker Fellows and others, of Jeremiah Whitaker and others, of Robert Fiſk and others, and of Joſeph Ruſſel and others, late of the Maſſachuſetts Line, in the Army; of George Reid and others, late of the New-Hampſhire Line, in the Army; of Jabez Bingham and his Aſſociates, of Ebenezer Brewſter and his Aſſociates, with a Letter from the Preſident and Profeſſors of Dartmouth College; of Ephraim Darby, for himſelf and others, of New-Jerſey; of Samuel Gold and others, of Thomas Seymour and others, of Maſſachuſetts and Connecticut; of Ephraim Sawyer and others, and of Aaron Cook and others, of Maſſachuſetts; of Samuel Wilcox and others, of James Lownſbury and others, of Weſtcheſter County; of Theodorus Doty and others, of Wyoming; of Lambert Van Valkenburgh and others, of the County of Albany; of Ebenezer Gage and others, of Dutcheſs County; of Adrian Manvelt, of James Bonnel and others, of Suſſex County, in New-Jerſey, and of Orange County; of Joſeph Gifford and others of the County of Albany; of Patrick Lamb and others, of Weſtcheſter County; of Oliver Buel and others, of William Jennings and others, of Orange County; of John Saliſbury and others, of Solomon Simſon, for himſelf and others, of New-York; of Ezekiel Scott and others, of Edward Paine and others, of Maſon F. Alden and others, of Joſiah Alcott and others, of Connecticut; of Nathaniel Webb and others, of William Judd and others, of Joſeph Gidney, of Ebenezer Lockwood and others, of Iſrael Platt and others, of John Van Wyck and others, and of Henry Kipp and others. Alſo a Memorial of Nicholas Fiſh, Jeremiah Van Renſſelaer and William Strachan, Agents for the Officers of the late Line of this State, in the Army, praying a Confirmation of the Lands granted to them by the Legiſlature at their laſt Meeting.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Coe and Mr. Youngs) was received, with the following Bills for Concurrence, viz. A Bill, entitled "An Act for the further Relief of Direk Janſen and his Creditors;" and a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation af Sales by public Auction;" which were reſpectively read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of Leonard Bleecker, of James Beekman, for himſelf and Sons, of Peter Hughes and Thomas Franklin, junior, of Pierre Reignier, of Henry Remſen and Eleazer Miller, junior, of Samuel Hay, of Robert Neſbet and Michael Connolly, of Daniel Mc. Lean, Daniel Parker and Elias Parker, of Iſaac Guion and Daniel Carthy, of Viner Vanzandt and Phillip Lott, of John H. Kip, of Anthony L. Bleecker, of Henry Bicker, ſenior, and Gurnit Steddiford, of Elihu Marſhall, of Daniel Phœnix, and of Jacob Morris, praying to be admitted as Auctioniers; were reſpectively read, and ordered to be taken into Conſideration, with the Bill for regulating Sales at Auction.

A Petition of Martin King, of Elias Parshal, of Abner Peaſe, of Richard Edſall, 3d. and of Paul Vandervoort, ſenior, praying the Benefit of an Act of Inſolvency; were reſpectively read, and referred to Mr. Duane, Mr. L'Hommedieu and Mr. Paine.

A Petition of Iſaac Dubois, at Catts-Kill, of Goeharat Haacke, at Loonenburgh, and of John Van Leuven, at Saggerties; praying an excluſive Right of Ferriage; were reſpectively read, and referred to Mr. Klock, Mr. Yates and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

A Petition of Jacobus Van Schoonhoven and Gerardus Clute, praying a Leaſe of the Landing Place at Fort George, and a Petition of Jonathan Pitcher and others, reſiding on the Garriſon Lands at the South End of Lake George, praying a Continuance of their Leaſes; were reſpectively read, and referred to Mr. Klock, Mr. Yates and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

A Petition of John Watts, junior, and Robert Watts, on Behalf of their Father, John Watts, and of Alexander Wallace, praying for Relief againſt the Law, commonly called the Confiſcation Law; were reſpectively read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of John George Spengler; of John Jacob Jacobſon; of Robert Bell, and of Alexander James Hamilton; praying to be naturalized; were reſpectively read, and ordered to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill, for naturalizing Foreigners.

A Petition of Philip Edſall and others, praying an Emiſſion of paper Currency; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of William Stevens and Ichabud Hubbel, in Behalf of themſelves and others; praying the like Allowance of Land as is granted to the late Line of this State; was read, and referred to Mr. Floyd and Mr. Oothoudt.

A Memorial of Alexander Hamilton, Eſq; praying that in Lieu of a certain Certificate from the Treaſury of the United States, for the Balance due to him for Pay and Subſiſtence, Certificates ſimilar to thoſe which have been given to Officers in general who were Citizens of this State, may be granted to him; was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of John Targe and John Stephens, and of Robert Towt and Richard Cole Hazard, praying to be appointed Inſpectors of Leather; were reſpectively read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of John Blagge, and of Henry H. Kip, praying to be appointed Inſpectors of Pot and Pearl Aſhes; were reſpectively read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Hendrick Onderdonck and John Halſted, Tenants on Lands forfeited by the Attainder of William Bayard, praying that they may have the Benefit of a Law giving the Pre-emption of ſuch Lands to Tenants; was read, and referred to Mr. Oothoudt, Mr. Klock and Mr. Stoutenburgh.

A Petition of Joſhua Mercereau, Eſq; praying that a Ranger may be appointed for the Shore of Staten-Iſland; was read, and referred to Mr. Duane, Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

A Petition of John Turner, praying Relief againſt the Confiſcation Law; was read, and referred to Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Ward.

A Petition of Barnardus Swartwout, Collector, of Poughkeepſie Precinct, praying that Proviſion may be made to enable him to collect the public Taxes, which remain due in the ſaid Precinct; was read, and referred to Mr. Townſend and Mr. Paine.

A Petition of Henry Kip and others, in Behalf of themſelves, and the Heirs of Annake Bogardus, deceaſed, praying that in paſſing the Law now before the Legiſlature, for reviving the Charter of Trinity Church, their Right to Domini's Hook may not be impaired.

A Memorial of Samuel Striker, praying Relief againſt a Judgment entered againſt him for adhering to the Enemies of this State, was read; and referred to Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Yates and Mr. Townſend.

A Petition of Benjamin Youngs Prime, M. D. praying Relief againſt the Operation of the Law relative to Debts due to Perſons within the Enemy's Lines; was read, and referred to Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Floyd and Mr. Yates.

A Petition of Michael Connolly, late Pay-maſter to the 2d New-York Regiment, ſtating ſeveral Matters which he conceives, require legiſlative Proviſion; was read, and referred to Mr. Morris, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Swartwout.

A Memorial of Edward Blagge, praying to be employed in the Office of Gauger; was read, and the Conſideration thereof, poſtponed.

A Petition of Joſiah Throop, praying, as a Compenſation for his Services, Loſſes and Sufferings, the Grant of a forfeited Farm; and that Proviſion be made to enable him to remove his Family from Nova-Scotia into this State; was read, and referred to Mr. Yates and Mr. Whiting.

A Petition of Adolph De Grove, relative to his Claim to a Houſe and Lot of Ground, become forfeited by the Attainder of Thomas White, deceaſed; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of Samuel Broome and John Alſop, Eſquires, and others, Merchants of the City of New-York; praying a Law for reviving the Inſtitution of the Chamber of Commerce; was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Petition of Richard Van Wyck, praying Relief in a Caſe where the Creditors refuſed to receive in Payment for Monies due on Bond, the paper Currency while the ſame was in Circulation; was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Abraham Hammond, and a Petition of Jaſper Allan, praying to be pardoned for having adhered to the Enemy, and to be received as Citizens; were reſpectively read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of Jonathan Safford, praying for ſome Proviſion for his Support; was read, and referred to Mr. Williams and Mr. Webſter.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for removing Doubts which may have ariſen from the late Invaſion, and the Diſorders thereby occaſioned, reſpecting the charter Rights and Privileges, granted to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of Mr. Yates's Motion of the 4th Inſtant, relative to the Receiver of Continental Taxes in this State, be further poſtponed until Monday next.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, February 10th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members, (with the Addition of Mr. Haring) as Yeſterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Relief of Dirck Janſen and his Creditors," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation of Sales by public Auction;" were reſpectively read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Nicholſon and Mr. Hopkins) was received, with the two following Bills for Concurrence, viz. A Bill entitled, "An Act to eſtabliſh the Rates of Wharfage and Cranage within the City of New-York," and a Bill, entitled, "An Act to continue an Act, entitled, an Act for ſtaying Execution in Suits againſt public Officers, on Contracts and Acts by them made and done in Behalf of the United States, and of this State;" which were reſpectively read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of this State, with the United States;" after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt

Oothoudt, from the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New-York, to raise the several Sums therein mentioned, for defraying the Expence of the City-Watch and Lamps, and repairing the Roads and public Wells and Pumps.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the said Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. L'Hommedieu moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the more easy Conveyance and Recovery of Lands.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. L'Hommedieu accordingly brought in the said Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, February 11th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members as Yesterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to continue an Act, entitled, an Act for staying Execution in Suits against public Officers on Contracts, and Acts by them made and done in Behalf of the United States, and of this State;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act to establish the Rates of Wharfage and Cranage within the City of New-York," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the more easy Conveyance and Recovery of Lands," were respectively read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) That Daniel Wells, Esq; of Southold in Suffolk County, be authorised to repair one of the Gaol Rooms in the said County, with all convenient Speed, so that the same may be suitable for the Reception and Confinement of Prisoners; and that the Legislature will, at their present Meeting, by a Law, make Provision that the Expence of such Repairs, be paid by the said County.

Ordered, That Mr. L'Hommedieu, carry a Copy of the said Resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly, was read in the Words following, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"WITH this Message I submit to your Consideration, the Petitions of Hugh Hughes, Morgan Lewis and Udny Hay, Esquires, late Deputy Quarter-Masters General, and of Andrew Bostwick, Esq; Deputy Forage-Master General, addressed to the Legislature, together with their respective Letters to me, on the Subject of their Petitions.

GEO. CLINTON."

New-York, 2d February, 1784.

The said Petitions and Letters, together with a Petition of Timothy Pickering, were also read.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be taken into Consideration with the Bill, to continue the Act for staying Execution on Suits against public Officers.

A Petition of Gilbert Drake, senior, and others, of Westchester County, praying a Grant of a Township of vacant Land; and a Petition of Thomas Palmer, relative to a Tract of Land by him located in Ulster County; were respectively read, and referred to the Committee for the Land-Office.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Dennis)

Dennis,) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Veſſels, for defraying the Expence of the Light-Houſe, at Sandy-Hook:" informing that they had paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall, carry the ſaid Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

The Senate, according to Order, proceeded to the Conſideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act declaratory of the Alieniſm of Perſons therein deſcribed," and the Objections of the Honorable the Council of Reviſion to the ſaid Bill becoming a Law of this State; were read in the Words following, viz.

"1*ſt*. Becauſe it tends to eſtabliſh a Principle which is contradictory to the fundamental Laws of every civilized Nation, to wit,

"That the Subjects of the State can by their Adherence to its Enemies, renounce their Allegiance, and become Aliens.

"If this Principle ſhould be eſtabliſhed, it muſt follow, that the Confiſcation Bill and every other Law which puniſhes Perſons who have adhered to the Enemy, as Felons or Traitors, muſt be void, or manifeſtly unjuſt, ſince alien Enemies, owing no Allegiance and enjoying no Protection, cannot be amenable to the Laws.

"2*dly*. Becauſe if this Doctrine once has the Sanction of Law, any Subject of the State who ſhall not hold Lands within the ſame, may caſt off his Allegiance, and commit Treaſon with Impunity, provided he lives not within its Juriſdiction; ſince as an Alien he cannot be corporally puniſhed.

"3*dly*. Becauſe the Forfeitures refer back to the Time of the Declaration of Independence by this State, when many of the Perſons who are the Objects of this Bill lived within the Juriſdiction of the State unattainted, and unſuſpected of Treaſon or Alieniſm, and might for *bona fide* Conſiderations, have ſold their Property to the good Citizens of the State, who would, if this Act ſhould paſs into a Law, be unjuſtly deprived thereof.

"4*thly*. Becauſe in the Opinion of this Council, the Doctrine eſtabliſhed in the Act, may induce Great Britain to adopt ſimilar Principles, and many of the Subjects of this State and the United States, holding Property in the Britiſh Dominions, would in all Probability, be deprived thereof, if this Act ſhould paſs into a Law.

"5*thly*. Becauſe it is impoſſible to underſtand what is intended by that Part of the Proviſo, that excepts ſuch Perſons from the Penalties of the Bill as have become Subjects ſince the ninth Day of July, one Thouſand ſeven Hundred and ſeventy-ſix, no Proviſion having yet been made for naturalizing Aliens within this State, it muſt either be nugatory, or it muſt be intended to include all Perſons who have ſubmitted to the Laws and Juriſdiction of this State at any Time before the paſſing of this Bill; in which latter Caſe, every Perſon now reſiding within any Part of the State, and ſubmitting to the Government thereof, is within the Proviſo, and the Law is thereby rendered uſeleſs, except ſo far as it may be ſuppoſed to operate againſt ſuch Perſons as have left the State. In which limited Senſe, it appears from the Terms of the Act, it was not intended to be underſtood.

"6*thly*. Becauſe it contradicts both the Spirit and the Letter of the proviſions of Treaty with Great-Britain.

"7*thly*. That this State at preſent, not being engaged in War, can have no alien Enemies, and as by the Law of Nations, alien Friends may poſſeſs Property; an Act forfeiting ſuch Property, amounts to a Declaration of War againſt their Sovereign."

After ſome conſiderable Time ſpent in the Conſideration of the ſaid Bill, the Preſident put the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill, notwithſtanding the ſaid Objections ſhould be a Law of this State, and it paſſed in the Negative, by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Ward, who voted in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be not a Law of this State.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thurſday

THURSDAY MORNING, February 12th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

Mr. L'Hommedieu moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for repairing the Court Houſe and Gaol in the County of Suffolk, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. L'Hommedieu accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Geliſton and Mr. Platt) was received, with a Reſolution of their Concurrence with this Senate, in the Reſolution of Yeſterday, relative to the repairing of the Gaol in Suffolk County.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to remove Doubts which may have riſen reſpecting the charter Rights of the Miniſter, Elders and Deacons, of the reformed proteſtant Dutch Church of the City of New-York, in Conſequence of the late Invaſion of this State.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Floyd moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, authoriſing Juſtices of the Peace, within this State, to take Affidavits to be uſed in the Trial of Cauſes in any other of the United States of America.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Floyd accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Paine moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal the fourteenth Section of the Act, entitled, "An Act to empower Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen, to try Cauſes to the Value of Ten Pounds and under; and to repeal ſundry Acts therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Paine accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Mc. Dougall, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the Impriſonment of Perſons, for any Debt under Ten Pounds.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, by Mr. Chief Juſtice Morris, was received, purporting, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Veſſels, for defraying part Expence of the Light-Houſe at Sandy-Hook," ſhould become a Law of this State.

Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Relief of Dirck Janſen and his Creditors," reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment.

The Bill was then read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation of Sales by public Auction," reported, that on reading the firſt Clauſe of the Bill, Mr. Mc. Dougall moved that the ſame be expunged, and that the following be inſerted, "That all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, the Growth and Produce of the Weſt-India Iſlands, ſhall be ſubject to the Duty of Two Pounds Ten Shillings, and all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, and Effects, the Property of Citizens of this State; and ſuch other Goods, Wares and Merchandize as ſhall be con-

ſigned to them, and on which they ſhall have the full and uſual Commiſſion, the like Duty of Two Pounds Ten Shillings, and all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, the Property of Merchants or others, not being Citizens of this State, or being conſigned to Agents or Factors not Citizens of this State, (except Goods and Merchandize of the Growth or Produce of the Weſt-India Iſlands) to the Duty of five Pounds for every Hundred Pounds, and no Auctioneer ſhall be ſuffered to ſell at public Vendue, not of the Growth of the Weſt-India Iſlands, unleſs an Invoice of ſuch Goods or Merchandize ſhall be previouſly preſented to him with an Affidavit to be thereon endorſed, expreſsly aſcertaining the Property of ſuch Goods or Merchandize; and if they ſhall be received on Conſignment, further ſpecifying that the Conſignee is *bona fide* to be allowed the uſual Commiſſion to Factors in ſimilar Caſes; which Invoice and Affidavit, at the Time of the Adjuſtment of his Accounts, in Manner here after mentioned, be delivered to the Treaſurer of this State, as a Voucher for the faithful Diſcharge of the Duty of ſuch Auctioneer."—That Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put on the ſaid Motion, it paſſed in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Parks.	Mr. Klock,	

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Townſend,

That Mr. Mc. Dougall then moved, "That the Duty on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, (except ſuch as are of the Growth and Produce of the Weſt-India Iſlands) be Five Pounds inſtead of Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Hundred Pounds."—That Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put on the ſaid Motion, it paſſed in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Morris,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Parks.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Duane,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Haring,

That the Committee then went through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments and added a Clauſe thereto; and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

The Bill, with the Amendments, was then read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, February 13th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members, (with the Addition of Mr. Rooſevelt) as Yeſterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts which may have ariſen, reſpecting the charter Rights of the Miniſter, Elders and Deacons, of the reformed Proteſtant Dutch Church of the City of New-York, in Conſequence of the late Invaſion of this State;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act for removing Doubts which may have ariſen from the late Invaſion, and the Diſorders thereby occaſioned, reſpecting the charter Rights and Privileges, granted to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of

of the City of New-York;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act authorising Justices of the Peace within this State, to take Affidavits to be used in the Trial of Causes, in any other of the United States of America;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act for repairing the Court-House and Gaol, in the County of Suffolk, and other Purposes therein mentioned;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act to revive the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in the Counties of Suffolk, Queens, Kings and Richmond; the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal the fourteenth Section of the Act, entitled, "An Act to empower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen, to try Causes to the Value of ten Pounds and under, and to repeal sundry Acts therein mentioned;" were respectively read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Roosevelt moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, "to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in dwelling Houses, Store Houses or other Places within the City of New-York, or on Board Vessels within the Harbour."

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Roosevelt accordingly brought in the said Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Stoutenburgh moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Stoutenburgh accordingly brought in the said Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of John Rapalje, and a Petition of George Muirson, praying Relief against the Act, commonly called the confiscation Law; were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petitions of James Smith, of Zebulon Walbridge, of John Booth, of William Lupten, of Gysbert Mercelius and Henry Staats, of Cadwallader Colden, Henry Van Schaack, David Van Schaack and Richard Harrison, praying Relief against the Act, "more effectually to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the Influence and Example of Persons, of equivocal and suspected Characters in this State," passed the 30th of June, 1778, were respectively read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of Silvanus Reynolds and Abraham Westcott, praying Compensation for the Loss of Oxen and Teams in the public Service, and for their Loss of Time, was read, and referred to Mr. Paine, Mr. Ward and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

The Petitions of Barnard P. Van Kleeck, Benjamin Waters, Aert Vandebogert and Ezra Rutty, confined in Gaol for Debt, and praying Relief, were respectively read, and referred to Mr. Duane, Mr. L'Hommedieu and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) that his Excellency the Governor be requested, to give Orders for applying the Pickets, which surround the Fort and Battery, or such Part thereof as in his Opinion can be spared, for the Use of the Poor of this City, who are greatly distressed by the Inclemency of the Season.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane, carry a Copy of the said Resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Van Zandt and Mr. Hunter, was received, with a Resolution of their Concurrence with this Senate, in their said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Finck, wait on his Excellency with Copies of the said Resolution.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee to whom was referred, the Memorial of the Secretary of the State, reported it as their Opinion, that a legislative Provision ought to be made, for providing a Place for the safe Custody of the public Records, and Papers belonging to the Secretary's Office of this State, and for the Convenient Way of exercising the said Office, and that they had prepared a Bill, for the Purpose; which report he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

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Mr. Oothoudt accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to eſtabliſh the Rates of Wharfage and Cranage within the City of New-York;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, Mr. Morris from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Gordon and Mr. Coe) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation of Sales by public Auction," informing, that they had agreed to the Amendments of the Senate to the ſaid Bill, and that the Bill is amended accordingly.

The ſaid Bill being examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Floyd return the Bill, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, February 14th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

Joſeph Gaſherie, Eſquire; a Senator elected at the late Election, in the Middle Diſtrict, appeared, and having taken the Oath as by Law directed, before the Honorable Pierre Van Cortlandt, Eſquire, one of the Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe appointed, took his Seat.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for providing a proper Place, for the Lodgment and ſafe Cuſtody of the public Records, and Papers belonging to the Secretary's Office of this State, and for the Conveniency of exerciſing the ſaid Office, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Paulus Banta, praying Relief againſt his Creditors, in Conſequence of his Diſtreſſes during the War, was read, and ordered to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Malcom and Mr. Sears) was received, with the following Reſolution, for Concurrence, viz.

"*Reſolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That his Excellency the Governor be, and hereby is requeſted to tranſmit to the Governors of the United States, reſpectively, a Liſt of the Names of ſuch Perſons as are proſcribed or baniſhed by the Laws of this State, and alſo to requeſt the ſaid Governors to communicate to him, a Liſt of the Perſons proſcribed or baniſhed, by their reſpective States, in Order, that thereby the Principles of the federal Union may be adhered to and preſerved."

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be poſtponed until next.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Naturalization of Foreigners," was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, February 16th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

Mr. Morris,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Finck,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Yates,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Ooſhoudt,	Mr. Ward.

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A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. D'Witt and Mr. Ruſſel) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to revive and continue in Force certain Ordinances therein mentioned," informing that they had paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Ward, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

The ſeveral Petitions of John Stevenſon, of Henry Van Dyck, of Gyſbert Mercelius, of Henry Staats and of John Van Alen, (together with Certificates ſubjoined to each Petition, ſigned by a very reſpectable Number of the Citizens of this State, reſiding in the City and County of Albany, in Favor of the ſaid Petitioners) and alſo the Petition of John Brinckerhoff and others, on Behalf of Cornelius Luyſter, and the Petition of Roeloff I. Eltinge, praying Relief againſt the Act, "more effectually to prevent the Miſchiefs ariſing from the Influence and Example of Perſons of equivocal and ſuſpected Characters in this State," were reſpectively read, and the Conſideration thereof poſtponed.

The ſeveral Petitions, of William Ferrand and others, of Iſaac Searl and others, of Comer Bullock and others, of John Pumpelly and others, of James Reed and others, of Silas Blodget and others, of John Fiſh and others, of a Committee on Behalf of the late Line of the State of Rhode-Iſland in the Army, praying Grants of Lands in this State; and alſo a Petition of Joſeph Earl and others, praying a Leaſe of the Land at Ticonderoga; were reſpectively read, and referred to the Committee on the Land Office.

A Petition of Herman Hoffman, Eſquire, relative to a certain Quantity of Flour by him purchaſed for the Uſe of the Northern Army, in the Year 1777, and which in Conſequence of the Confuſion that took Place on the Loſs of the Poſts in the Highlands, did not come to the Hands of the Commiſſary General at Albany, and for which he the Petitioner remains unpaid, was read, and referred to Mr. Paine, Mr. Ward and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

A Petition of Henry Oothoudt, junior, and Lidia Oothoudt, praying that Proviſion be made to enable them to recover a Demand againſt William Bayard, whoſe Eſtate is become forfeited by his Attainder; was read, and referred to Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Oothoudt, who are appointed a Committee to report the proper Meaſures for giving Relief to Perſons having demands againſt thoſe attainted and convicted, whoſe Eſtates are become forfeited.

A Petition of Volkert A. Douw and others, late Aſſiſtant Quarter-Maſter General, praying the like Allowance for Depreciation on their Pay, as that made in Favor of the Hoſpital Department; was read, and referred to Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Floyd and Mr. L'Hommedieu.

A Petition of Johannis Van Antwerp, an inſolvent Debtor, praying Relief, was read, and ordered to be taken into Conſideration, with the Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (delivered to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Mr. Juſtice Hobart) was read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Relief of Dirck Janſon and his Creditors," ſhould become a Law of this State.

Mr. Duane from the Committee to whom was referred, the Memorial of the Paymaſters and Agents, of the late two Regiments of Infantry of this State, in the Army of the United States, reported, That they had been attended by one of the ſaid Paymaſters and Agents, and on due Conſideration of his Repreſentation, and the Papers committed to them, they were of Opinion that Certificates be granted by the Auditors, for liquidating the Accounts of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for the Balances of Pay due to the ſaid Troops, in the Year 1781, and that the ſaid Certificates be made transferable; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered it at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Gaſherie, prepare and bring in a Bill agreeable to the ſaid Report.

Mr. Mc. Dougall moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable all religious Deno-

minations in this State, to appoint Truſtees, who ſhall be a Body corporate for the ſole Purpoſe of taking Care of the Temporalities of their reſpective Congregations.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Floyd moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the Deſtruction of Deer, Game, and Fiſh, in the Counties of Suffolk and Queens.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Floyd accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for removing Doubts which may have ariſen from the late Invaſion, and the Diſorders thereby occaſioned, reſpecting the charter Rights and Privileges, granted to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York:" After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, February 17th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (except Mr. Townſend) as Yeſterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Deſtruction of Deer, Game, and Fiſh, in the Counties of Suffolk and Queens," was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committe of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Pell and Mr. Hunter) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act relative to the Gaols in Kings, Queens, Richmond and Weſtcheſter Counties," which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal the fourteenth Section of the Act, entitled, an Act to empower Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen, to try Cauſes to the Value of ten Pounds and under, and to repeal ſundry Acts therein mentioned," reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to revive the Courts of Common Pleas and General Seſſions of the Peace, in the Counties of Suffolk, Queens, Kings and Richmond," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and altered the Title as follows, viz. "An Act relative to the Courts of Common Pleas and General Seſſions of the Peace, for the City and and County of New-York, and the other Counties therein mentioned;" and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, February 18th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act relative to the Gaols in Kings, Queens, Richmond and Weſtcheſter Counties," was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal the fourteenth Section of the Act, entitled, an Act to empower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen, to try Causes to the Value of ten Pounds and under, and to repeal sundry Acts therein mentioned," was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act relative to the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, for the City and County of New-York, and the other Counties therein mentioned," was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Gasherie carry the said two Bills to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane, Mr. L'Hommedieu and Mr. Yates, be a Committee to take into Consideration, and report the Measures, necessary to be taken relative to the Probate of Wills, in the Southern District, during the late War.

A Petition of Andrew Hill, Benjamin Hopkins and Joshua Horton, on Behalf of themselves and others, praying a Grant of a certain Tract of Land in the County of Dutchess, now in their Possession, and which they conceive to be vacant, and belonging to the State; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Robert Benson, Esq; having on Wednesday last, signified to the Senate, that in Consequence of an Appointment to the Clerkship of the City and County of New-York, with which he had lately been honored, it would be impracticable for him, any longer to execute the Office of Clerk to this Senate, and therefore humbly prayed Leave of the Senate to resign the said Office; which was agreed to by the Senate, and his Resignation was accepted accordingly.

The Senate this Day, proceeded to the Election of a Clerk in the Stead of Mr. Benson, and their Choice was in Favor of Abraham B. Bancker, Esquire.

Thereupon *Resolved*, That Abraham B. Bancker, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed Clerk to this Senate accordingly.

Resolved, (As a Testimony of the Sense which this Senate entertain of Mr. Benson's faithful Services as their Clerk) That he be privileged to come within the Bar of the Senate.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, February 19th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Schuyler,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Paine,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Ward.
Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Duane,

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in dwelling Houses, Store Houses or other Places within the City of New-York, or on Board Vessels within the Harbour," was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Roosevelt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act relative to the Gaols of Kings, Queens, Richmond and Westchester Counties," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. L'Hommedieu carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

A Petition of Henry Remsen and 32 others, Merchants of the City New-York, praying

ing for a Compenſation for Loſſes ſuſtained, by Reaſon of the Depreciation of Continental Money; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. L'Hommedieu moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for granting certain Lands promiſed to be given as bounty Lands, by Laws of this State.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. L'Hommedieu accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, by Mr. Juſtice Hobart, was received and read, purporting, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to revive and continue in Force, certain Ordinances therein mentioned," ſhould become a Law of this State.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for removing Doubts which may have ariſen from the late Invaſion, and the Diſorders thereby occaſioned, reſpecting the charter Rights and Privileges, granted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York;" reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto; and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for eſtabliſhing a Univerſity within this State.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, February 20th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members, (except Mr. Haring) as Yeſterday.

A Petition of James Gordon, Eſq; and others, praying the Grant of Militia Pay, or ſome other Conſideration, for their Loſſes and Sufferings; was read, and referred to Mr. Webſter, Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Klock, Mr. Williams and Mr. Ward.

A Petition of Stephen Schryver, praying Relief againſt a Bond of John Lyons, and that he may have Liberty to diſcharge the ſame with public Securities; was read, and referred to Mr. Schuyler and Mr. Klock.

A Petition of Terrant Putnam and others, and a Petition of Elijah Reeve and others, praying a Grant of Lands within this State; were reſpectively read, and referred to the Committee on the Land Office.

A Petition of James Spencer and others, praying a Law to Vacate the laſt granted Letters Patent, confirming the real Eſtate of John Van Renſelaer, Eſquire, deceaſed, was read, and referred to Mr. Whiting, Mr. Duane and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State, to appoint Truſtees, who ſhall be a Body Corporate for the ſole Purpoſe, of taking Care of the Temporalities of their reſpective Congregations," was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Rooſevelt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act authoriſing Juſtices of the Peace within this State, to take Affidavits to be uſed in the Tryal of Cauſes, in any other of the United States of America," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, added a Clauſe thereto, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act authoriſing Magiſtrates within this State, to take Affidavits to be uſed in the Manner therein mentioned," and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for removing Doubts which may have arisen from the late Invasion, and the Disorders thereby occasioned, respecting the Charter Rights and Privileges, granted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York," was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence thereto.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for providing a proper Place, for the Lodgement and safe Custody of the Public Records and Papers belonging to the Secretary's Office of this State, and for the Convenience of exercising the said Office, and for other Purposes therein mentioned." After some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Parks from the Committee reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, February 21st, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members as Yesterday.

A Petition of Isaac Pinto, praying an Appointment of Linguist for the Spanish and Portuguese Languages to be conferred on him solely; was read, and referred to the Committee of Trade.

A Petition of Benjamin Ledyard, late Major in the New-York Line, praying an Allowance of Depreciation on his Pay, during his Time of Service; was read, and referred to Mr. Gasharie.

A Petition of John W. Watkins, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Harlem, in the County of New-York, praying Leave for a Lottery, for raising the Sum of one Thousand Pounds, to be used in repairing the Fences that have been destroyed during the War; was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Paine moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for maintaining the Peace and Security of this State.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Paine accordingly brought in the said Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act authorising Magistrates within this State, to take Affidavits to be used in the Manner therein mentioned," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Roosevelt carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Adgate and Mr. Van Brunt) was received, with the following Resolution, for Concurrence, viz.

In Assembly, February 20th, 1784.

"*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a Copy of the Law, entitled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to complete the running of a Jurisdiction Line, between this State and the State or Commonwealth of Massachusetts," passed 17th March, 1783, to his Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts, and request him to lay the same before the Legislature of that State; that such Provision may be by them made in the Premises, as they shall deem necessary, to carry the salutary Intentions of the said Law into Effect."

Resolved, That this Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck carry a Copy of the aforegoing Resolution of Concurrence, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Purdy and Mr. Van Brunt) was received, with the following Reſolution for Concurrence:

Reſolved, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) that his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby requeſted to advance, out of any Money which he may now or hereafter ſhall have in his Hands belonging to the State, to Timothy Phelps, the Sum of ſixty Dollars, and to William White, the Sum of forty Dollars, as a Compenſation for their reſpective Expences, on the Buſineſs of this State.

Reſolved, That this Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, in their ſaid Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck, carry a Copy of the aforegoing Reſolution of Concurrence, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for providing a proper Place for the Lodgement, and ſafe Cuſtody of the public Records and Papers belonging to the Secretary's Office of this State, and for the Conveniency of exerciſing the ſaid Office, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Gelſton and Mr. J. Smith) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act relative to the Gaols in Suffolk, Kings, Queens, Richmond and Weſtcheſter Counties, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," informing, that they had agreed to the Amendments to the Bill, and that the Bill is amended accordingly.

The ſaid Bill being examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Floyd return the Bill, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. Duane moved that the Honorable Ephraim Paine and Charles D'Witt, Eſquires, two of the Delegates of this State, repair to Congreſs without Delay; that they be allowed Dollars per Day for their Expences from the Day of their ſetting out for Congreſs, until their return Home; and that each of the Delegates of this State ſhall be entitled to receive out of the Treaſury, the Sum of two Hundred and fifty Pounds, on Account, when they ſhall reſpectively proceed on their Journey.

Mr. Duane then moved, That the Blank in his motion, be filled up with *three Dollars*, and that before the Words *their Expences*, the Words *their Time and Services beſides* be inſerted.

Debates aroſe and the Queſtion being put on the ſaid laſt Motion, it paſſed in the Affirmative by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Yates who voted in the Negative.

The Queſtion was then put on Mr. Duane's Motion as amended, and it was carried in the Affirmative. Thereupon

Reſolved, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) that the Honorable Ephraim Paine and Charles D'Witt, Eſquires, two of the Delegates of this State, repair to Congreſs without delay: That they ſhall be reſpectively allowed, three Dollars per Day, for their Time and Services beſides their Expences, from the Day of their ſetting out for Congreſs until their return home, and that each of the Delegates of this State, ſhall be entitled to receive out of the Treaſury, the Sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds on Account, when they ſhall reſpectively proceed on their Journey.

Ordered, That Mr. L'Hommedieu, carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act to remove Doubts which may have ariſen, reſpecting the Charter Rights of the Miniſter, Elders and Deacons, of the reformed Proteſtant Dutch Church of the City of New-York, in Conſequence of the late Invaſion of this State." After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Whiting from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

Monday

MONDAY MORNING, February 23d, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President.

Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Allison,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Gasharie,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Ward.

A Petition of Alexander Stewart, and others, praying that the Arrearages of their Rents due to Oliver Delancey and Peter Du Bois, now belonging to this State, may be omitted from the Commencement of the late War to the End thereof; was read, and referred to Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Williams and Mr. Finck.

Mr. Gasharie, according to Order, brought in the Bill to empower the Auditors, appointed to liquidate and Settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, for their Pay, accrued in 1781; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Lamb and Mr. Paris) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for making such Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church, as to render it more comformable to the Constitution of this State," which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly; was read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation of Sales by public Auction," should become a Law of this State.

Mr. Whiting from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts, which may have arisen, respecting the Charter Rights of the Minister, Elders and Deacons, of the reformed Protestant Dutch Church, of the City of New-York, in Consequence of the late Invasion of this State," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State, to appoint Trustees, who shall be a Body corporate, for the sole Purpose of taking Care of the Temporalities of their Congregations." After some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Whiting from the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, February 24th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (except Mr. Duane, Mr. Morris and Mr. Gasharie) as Yesterday.

A Petition of Nathaniel Howe, and others, praying to be permitted to become Purchasers of Lands, held by them on Leases under Major Skeene, before the War, and now belonging to this State; and that their public Securities may be taken in part

part Payment; was read, and referred to the Committee on Alexander Stewart and other's, Petition.

A Petition of Leonard Lispenard, Grove Bend, and others, shewing that they have chosen the Persons therein named, to be Church Wardens and Vestrymen; and a Petition of John Charlton, Thomas Moore, and others, who stile themselves Vestrymen with a State of Facts, relative to the Episcopal Congregation in the City of New York, were respectively read:

Ordered, That the said Petitions be taken into Consideration with the Bill, for making such Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church, as to render it more conformable to the Constitution of the State.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts which may have arisen respecting the Charter Rights of the Minister, Elders and Deacons, of the reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New-York, in Consequence of the late Invasion of this State," was read the third Time, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Roosevelt carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to maintain the Peace and Security of this State," and the Bill entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors, appointed to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued in 1781," were respectively read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for making such Alterations in the Charter of the Congregation of Trinity Church, as to render it more conformable to the Constitution of the State," was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Paine moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for declaring of the Freedom of the Persons therein named.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Paine accordingly brought in the Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Paine moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to amend an Act, entitled, an Act for quieting the Minds of the Inhabitants in the North-eastern Parts of this State; passed 14th April, 1782.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Paine accordingly brought in the said Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for providing a proper Place for the Lodgement, and safe Custody of the public Records and Papers belonging to the Secretary's Office of this State, and for the convenient of exercising the said Office, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," reported that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler be added to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer, Game, and Fish, in the Counties of Suffolk and Queens;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Allison from the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, February 25th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,
And the same Members (with the Addition of Mr. Duane) as Yesterday.

Mr. Allison from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer, Game, and Fish, in the Counties of Suffolk and Queens,"

Queens," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, was received and read, in the Words following, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"I take the earliest Opportunity of communicating for your Information, certain Resolutions of Congress of the 1st of November last, for procuring a full Representation in that Body: Also a Letter from his Excellency the Governor of the State of Virginia, providing for Measures which I had the Honor to recommend to your Consideration at the Opening of the present Session.

The subject Matter of a Letter of the 9th Instant, from Egbert Benson, Esquire, Attorney General of this State, which accompanies this Message, is also submitted to the Consideration of the Legislature.

GEO. CLINTON."

New-York, 25th February, 1784.

The Resolutions of Congress, and Letter from his Excellency the Governor of Virginia, accompanying his Excellency's said Message, were also read.

Ordered, That they be referred to a Committee of the Whole.

The Letter from Egbert Benson, Esquire, was also read, and referred to Mr. Duane, Mr. Yates and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Livingston and Mr. Haight) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act relative to the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, for the City and County of New-York, and the other Counties therein mentioned," informing, that they had passed the Bill without Amendment."

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt, carry the Bill to the Hónorable the Council of Revision.

The Senate proceeded to the Consideration of Mr. Yates's Motion of the 4th Instant, viz. "That the Delegates of this State be instructed to move in Congress, that the Office of Receiver of Continental Taxes in this State, be immediately discontinued as a Waste of public Money, *on an Office which may be executed by the Treasurer of this State, without additional Salary or Fees*," Mr. Schuyler then moved as an Amendment to the said Motion, that the Words, "*the Office of Receiver of Continental Taxes in this State, be immediately discontinued as a Waste of publit Money, on an Office which may be executed by the Treasurer of this State, without additional Salary or Fees*," be obliterated, and the following Words inserted in their stead, viz. "*The Allowance per Cent given to the Continental Receivers of Taxes in the United States, be abolished, and that a specific annual Salary, adequate to their respective Services be allowed, if, in the Opinion of Congress, it shall be deemed necessary to continue such Officers.*" Debates arose thereon, and the Question being put on Mr. Schuyler's said Motion, it passed in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Roosevelt,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Schuyler.
Mr. Allison,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Townsend,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Paine.

Thereupon *Resolved*, "That the Delegates of this State be instructed to move in Congress, that the Allowance per Cent given to the Continental Receivers of Taxes in the United States be abolished, and that a specific annual Salary, adequate to their respective Services be allowed, if, in the Opinion of Congress, it shall be deemed necessary to continue such Officers."

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for quieting the Minds of the Inhabitants in the North-Eastern Parts of this State, passed the 14th of April, 1782," was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 oClock this Afternoon.

4 o'lock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members as in the Morning.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Livingston and Mr. Haight) was received, informing, that they do not concur with this Senate in their Resolution of the 21st Instant.

With the said Message was also received the following Resolution of the 24th Instant, for Concurrence, viz.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the Honorable Ephraim Paine, Esq; and the Honorable Charles D'Witt, Esq; two of the Delegates from this State, do repair to Congress without Delay; that they shall be respectively allowed the Sum of Five Dollars per Day, for their Services and Expences, from the Day of their setting out for Congress, until their return Home; and that each of the Delegates from this State, shall be entitled to the same Allowance, and receive out of the Treasury, the Sum of two Hundred Pounds, in Advance, on Account, when they shall respectively proceed on their Journey; and that the Legislature, at this present Meeting, will make Provision to indemnify the Treasurer for the Payment thereof.

The Question being put, whether this Senate concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in their said Resolution, it passed in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Williams;	Mr. Ward.
Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Yates;	

For the Negative.

Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Oothoudt, Mr. Finck, Mr. Duane, Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Mc. Dougal and Mr. Paine, were excused from voting on the said Question.

Thereupon *Resolved*, That this Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout carry a Copy of the aforegoing Resolution of Concurrence, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

On Motion of Mr. Duane, the Senate agreed to the following Resolution, viz.

Whereas on the late Invasion of the City of New-York, by the Troops of his Britannic Majesty, the Bells in the State-House, Churches, and other public Buildings of the City of New-York, were taken down and removed to New-Jersey; and afterwards the United States in Congress assembled, ordered the said Bells to be removed to the public Works belonging to them, at Carlisle in Pennsylvania, to be cast into Field Pieces, for the Use of their Armies: *And whereas* it is represented to this Legislature, that no Use hath been made of the said Bells, and the Courts and Churches standing in great Need of the same;

Resolved therefore, That the Honorable the Delegates of this State, be further instructed to move the United States in Congress assembled, to give the necessary Orders, for causing the said Bells to be returned to this City, for the Use of the public Edifices to which they belong.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday,

THURSDAY MORNING, February 26th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Oothoudt,
Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Schuyler,
Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Ward.	Mr. Duane.
Mr. Klock,		

Mr. Yates from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling-Houses, Stores, or other Places within the City of New-York, or on Board of Vessels within the Harbour," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and altered the Title, in the Words following, viz. "An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling-Houses, Stores, or other Places within certain Parts of the City of New-York, or on Board of Vessels within the Harbour thereof;" and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Yates from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of General Mc. Dougall, reported, that it was the Opinion of the Committee, that the Prayer of the Memorialist ought to be granted; and that a Clause for that Purpose, be added to the Bill under Consideration, entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors, appointed to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State in the service of the United States, for their Pay accrued in 1781;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the same in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

A Memorial of Richard Morris, Esq; praying an Exemption of paying any Proportion of the Produce of a Mine which he conceives he has discovered in the County of Westchester, until the first Day of May, 1795; was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Mr. Schuyler accordingly brought in the Bill, "To exempt Richard Morris, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, from paying any Part or Share of the Produce of a Mine in the County of Westchester, to the People of this State, or Sovereign thereof, until the first Day of May, in the Year of our Lord, 1795;" which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial of Jonathan Landon, Esq; praying Relief against Judgment obtained by Lewis Duboys, Esq; against him for Money borrowed for the Use of the State; was read, and referred to Mr. Paine, Mr. Ward and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

On Motion,

Resolved, That this Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on Indian Affairs.

The Committee of the Whole, on Indian Affairs, report it as their Opinion, that a special Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to extend the Powers of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, appointed by Virtue of the Law, entitled, "An Act for Indian Affairs, passed 25th March, 1783;" and that the Committee to be appointed do also report a Draft of Instruction to the said Commissioners, and that the Committee be directed to confer with the said Commissioners on the subject Matter of this report.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Yates and Mr. Floyd, be the Committee to bring in the said Bill and Instructions.

Mr. Whiting from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State to appoint Trustees, who shall be a Body Corporate for the *sole* Purpose, of taking care of the Temporalities of their Congregations," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (with addition of Mr. Stoutenburgh) as in the Forenoon.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Deſtruction of Deer, Game and Fiſh, within the Counties of Suffolk and Queens, was read the third Time, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Floyd, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, February 27th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Danger ariſing from the pernicious Practice, of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houſes, Stores, or other Places within certain Parts of the City of New-York, or on Board of Veſſels within the Harbour thereof," was read the third Time and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That the following, be Inſtructions to the Delegates of this State in the Congreſs of the United States.

In Senate, February 2d, 1784.

WHEREAS the Poſts at preſent occupied by the Britiſh Troops, in the Northern and Weſtern Parts of this State, may on their Evacuation be ſeized by Savages inimical to theſe United States, whereby the Inhabitants of the Frontiers may be expoſed to great Danger and Diſtreſs. And whereas by the ſixth Article of the Confederation and perpetual Union between the United States of America, it is declared that no Body of Forces ſhall be kept up by any State in Time of Peace, except ſuch Number only, as in the Judgment of the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, ſhall be deemed requiſite to Garriſon the Forts neceſſary for the Defence of ſuch State.

Reſolved therefore, That the Delegates of this State be, and they are hereby inſtructed to repreſent to the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, that this State deem it eſſentially neceſſary to make Proviſion to garriſon the ſaid Poſts immediately, on the Evacuation thereof by the Britiſh Troops. That therefore the ſaid Delegates, requeſt the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, to declare the Number of Troops which they may deem neceſſary for ſuch Garriſons; the ſaid Delegates at the ſame Time, informing the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, that it is the Opinion of this Legiſlature, that a Body of Troops not exceeding five Hundred Rank and File properly officered, would be adequate for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

That the Delegates be further inſtructed, to preſs Congreſs for a Deciſion in the long protracted Controverſy, reſpecting the Right of this State to the Diſtrict commonly called the New-Hampſhire Grants, not in Conſideration of public Expediency but conſiſtently with the Aſſurances of Congreſs according to Equity. That they repreſent in the moſt pointed Terms, the grievious Injuſtice done to the State by ſuch Delay, eſpecially after a Submiſſion in Compliance with the unanimous Recommendation of Congreſs; and claim moſt expreſsly a Performance of the ſolemn Engage-

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ments of Congress, to make the said Decision on a Pledge no less sacred, than that of the Faith of the United States, which ought not to be violated on any Pretence whatsoever. That they likewise represent to Congress, the Danger which may arise from further Procrastination, that the Leaders of the District in Question have actually raised Troops, and do now employ those Troops to reduce other Inhabitants resident in the said District, and acknowledging themselves Citizens of this State, to submit to the said assumed Government; and that when every State ought to be in the full Enjoyment of the Blessing of Peace under the Protection of the Union, this alone is on the Point of experiencing the Calamities of an internal War: But that if she must recur to force for the Preservation of her lawful Authority, the impartial World will pronounce, that none of the Bloodshed or Disorder which may ensue, can be imputable to this Legislature, who appeal to the Journals of Congress for the Rectitude, Moderation and Liberallity of the Measures they have invariably pursued to produce an amicable Determination of the Controversy; and lastly, that they, if necessary, be most explicit on the Subject, and inform Congress, that this Legislature conceive themselves to be urgently pressed by the great Duty of self Preservation to prepare without Loss of Time, for the worst Events: And however sincerely they are disposed to maintain the Union and to manifest an inviolable Respect for Congress, if the Decision, which has so long in Vain been solicited, should not be pronounced within two Months next, after nine States shall be represented in Congress, subsequent to this State, being represented there, no further Expectation can be entertained of such Decision, and that this State, with whatever deep regret, will be compelled to consider herself as left to pursue her own Counsel, destitute of the Protection of the United States, to whose Judgment they have cheerfully submitted, and on whose Justice they have hitherto relied.

That the Delegates be further instructed to use their utmost Endeavours to prevent any further foreign Loan, and to promote Œconomy in the public Expenditures. That they pay a particular Attention to the Instructions of the Legislature to their Delegates, passed in November 1781, which are entered at large on the Journals of Congress.

That if Congress should delay the Decision of the said Controversy beyond the Time above limited, it will be considered by this State as a Denial of Justice. That the Act, entitled, "An Act to empower the Congress of the United States of America to determine Controversies, relative to certain Lands, in the Counties of Cumberland, Glouceſter, Charlotte and Albany, commonly called the New-Hampshire Grants; passed the 21st, day of October, 1779; ought to be repealed; in Order, that this Legislature may be left at Liberty to propose an Adjustment of the said Dispute, in the Mode prescribed by the 9th Article of the fœderal Union, or to take such other Measures as the Preservation of their Country, from lawless Invasion and Encroachments may require.

In Senate, February 4th, 1784.

That the Delegates of this State, be, and they are hereby instructed to move in Congress, for a Reconsideration of the late Act of Congress, of the 18th of April, 83, respecting the Quota's of the several States, with a View to obtain an Abatement in the Quota of this State.

In Senate, February, 25th. 1784.

That the Delegates of this State be further instructed to move in Congress, that the Allowance per Cent, given to the Continental Receivers of Taxes in the United States, *abolished*, and that a specific annual Salary, adequate to their respective Services be allowed, if in the Opinion of Congress it shall be deemed necessary to continue such Officers.

In Senate, February 25th, 1784

Whereas on the late Invasion of the City of New-York, by the Troops of his Britannic Majesty, the Bells in the State-House, Churches, and other public Buildings of the City of New-York, were taken down and removed to New-Jersey, and afterwards the United States in Congress assembled, ordered the said Bells to be removed to the Public Works belonging to them at Carlisle in Pennsylvania, to be cast into Field Pieces for the Use of their Armies.

And whereas it is represented to this Legislature, that no Use hath been made of the said Bells; the said Delegates of this State are further instructed to move the United

States in Congreſs aſſembled, to give the neceſſary Orders for cauſing the ſaid Bells to be returned to this City, for the Uſe of the public Edifices to which they belong.

Additional Inſtructions to the Delegates of this State in the Congreſs of the United States.

In Senate, February 27th, 1784.

That the ſaid Delegates do alſo repreſent, that the Legiſlature of this State, to prevent the Evils of civil Diſcord, have beſides a cheerful Compliance with the Recommendation of Congreſs, to ſubmit the ſaid Controverſy to their final Determination, made many liberal Ceſſions, in Favor of thoſe Claimants, particularly by a certain Act, entitled, "An Act for quieting the Minds of the Inhabitants in the North-eaſtern Parts of this State, paſſed the 14th Day of April, 1782."

That altho' by this Act, the Lands granted by New-Hampſhire, and by the pretended State of Vermont, were confirmed to the Claimants, and even Occupants without Right, were liberally provided for; and there was no Exception or Reſerve, but in Favor of the oldeſt Patents in Queſtion, yet the Oppoſition to the Juriſdiction of this State, was maintained, principally becauſe, as has been ſuggeſted, the before-mentioned Act of the Legiſlature left unconfirmed to the ſaid Claimants, Lands which they occupy in the ſaid Diſtrict of Country, and which had been granted by Letters Patent prior in Date, under the Seal of New-York, and ſome of them as early as the latter End of the laſt and beginning of the preſent Century.

That notwithſtanding the Conceſſions made on the Part of this State, the ſaid pretended Government hath lately extended its Claim, and granted Lands far to the Weſtward of any of the moſt weſterly Grants, ever made by the Government of the late Colony of New-Hampſhire, and have actually ſeized the Lands ſo granted, altho' the ſame have long ſince paſſed to the Citizens of this State, under the Great Seal of the late Colony of New-York.

And further to repreſent, that many of the People reſiding in the Tract of Country within this State, commonly called the New-Hampſhire Grants, in Order to ſupport the Independence which they have aſſumed, have actually raiſed Troops, and do now employ them to compel other Inhabitants, reſident in the ſaid Diſtrict, and acknowledging themſelves Citizens of this State, to ſubmit to the Authority of the ſaid aſſumed Government.

That many of the Citizens of this State, reſiding in the ſaid Diſtrict, have been impriſoned, loaded with Irons, and puniſhed as Traitors with the utmoſt Severity, and others have been driven from their Habitations, and have had their Property confiſcated, for no other Cauſe than their Attachment to this State; and thoſe unfortunate Citizens have made earneſt Application to this State, for Protection and Redreſs.

That wiſe and decided Meaſures ought to be purſued without Loſs of Time, as well for the Protection of our ſaid ſuffering Citizens, as for the Peace and Tranquility of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Diſtrict.

That to afford another Inſtance of the upright Intentions of the Government of this State, Congreſs be entreated to guarantee the Conceſſions made on the Part of this State, by the ſaid Act of the 14th Day of April, 1782.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler carry a Copy of the ſaid Reſolution, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. Whiting from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State, to appoint Truſtees, who ſhall be a Body corporate, for the ſole Purpoſe of taking Care of the Temporalities of their Congregations," reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment, and further adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thurſday,

SATURDAY MORNING, February 28th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members as Yesterday.

Mr. Whiting from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State, to appoint Trustees, who shall be a Body corporate, for the sole Purpose of taking Care of the Temporalities of their Congregations," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, March 1st, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

Mr. Webster,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Allison,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Roosevelt,
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Duane,		

A Petition of John Priston, an Invalid Soldier, praying Relief; a Petition of Alexander Mc. Nish, praying the Benefit of half Pay, and four several Certificates respecting James Reeve, a wounded Soldier; were respectively read, and referred to Mr. Gasharie.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act declaratory of the Freedom of the Persons therein named," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Richard Morris, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, from paying any Part or Share of the Produce of a Mine in the County of Westchester, to the People of this State, as Sovereign thereof, until the first Day of May, in the Year of our Lord, 1795," were respectively read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler be added to the Committee appointed to report Instructions from the Legislature to the Delegates from this State in the United States in Congress assembled.

Mr. Whiting from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State to appoint Trustees, who shall be a Body corporate for the sole Purpose, of taking Care of the Temporalities of their respective Congregations," reported, the Proceedings of the Committee, to have been as follows, viz.

"That after agreeing to several Amendments in the Bill, Mr. Mc. Dougall moved, for inserting the following Clause, viz.

"*And whereas* Alienations in Mortmain, have ever been considered as injurious to the landed, as well as commercial Interest of a State, and the Influence of large and opulent Corporations, whether sole or agregate, ecclesiastical or temporal, hath often been found by Experience, to be dangerous to the Liberties of a free People, and large Estates held by such Corporations when deposite in the Hands of artful and ambitious Men, may be destructive to the Freedom of Elections, and destroy that Equality among Citizens, so essential to the well Being of every virtuous Republic.

Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever one third Part of such Members of any Church, Congregation or Religious Society, (who by this Act are entitled to Vote for Trustees) and which may be formed within this State by Virtue of this Act, shall incline to seperate therefrom, and set up a seperate and distinct Church, Congregation or Religious Society, it shall and may be lawful for the Members of the said Church, Congregation or Society, requesting such Seperation, to signify the same by an Instrument of Writing, under their Hands and Seals, directed

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to the Truſtees, or other Perſons, veſted with the Temporalities of ſuch Church Congregation or Society, from which they deſire to be ſeperated; which Inſtrument, ſhall be filed with the Clerk of the ſaid Truſtees, or other Perſons, holding the Temporalities of ſuch Church, Congregation or Society, as aforeſaid; and from and after the filing of the ſaid Inſtrument, the Members requeſting ſuch Seperation, ſhall thereafter be conſidered as a ſeperate or diſtinct Church, Congregation or Society, and after being duly incorporated in the Manner herein before directed, the Truſtees of ſuch ſeperate Church, Congregation or Society, ſhall, and hereby are authoriſed and empowered to have, hold and enjoy, one third Part of the Eſtate whether real or perſonal, which at the Time of ſuch Seperation, did belong to the Church, Congregation or Society, from which they ſo ſeperated; and the Truſtees of ſuch ſeperated Church, Congregation or Society, ſhall and hereby are authoriſed and enabled to commence and proſecute any Suit or Suits, Action or Actions, by Bill, Plaint, or otherwiſe, for the Recovery thereof, at Law, or in Equity, againſt the Truſtees or other Perſons, veſted with the Temporalities of ſuch Church, Congregation or Society, from which they ſo ſeperated as aforeſaid.

Provided always, That ſuch Alienation of the Temporalities of any Church, Congregation, or religious Society, ſhall not be made unleſs ſuch Members as aforeſaid, ſo ſeperating, amount to ſeventy-five.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every religious Society already incorporated, or hereafter to be incorporated in this State, ſhall, and hereby are required, once in every three Years, to commence from the firſt Day of January laſt, to exhibit to the Legiſlature of this State, a true, perfect, and particular Inventory and Account of the real and perſonal Eſtate, belonging to ſuch Church, Congregation or Society, together with the Time of the Tenants reſpectively, holding under them, and the Names of the Perſon or Perſons, indebted to them, whether by Bond, Mortgage, or otherwiſe; and alſo a true Account of the annual Income or Revenues of ſuch Corporation, whether they ariſe from Rents, Intereſt or otherwiſe; *to the End*, That the Legiſlature may from Time to Time know when the annual Income or Revenues of ſuch Corporation, exceeds the Sum they are reſpectively enabled to hold as a corporate Body, and in Caſe ſuch Inventory or Account ſo to be by Virtue of the Charter of Incorporation, or by any Law of the Land exhibited as aforeſaid, ſhall thereafter appear to be falſe, unjuſt or imperfect, or the ſaid Corporation neglect or refuſe to render ſuch Inventory and Account as directed by this Act;" ſuch Corporation, upon due Proof, and Conviction thereof, by Proceſs, inſtituted in the Supreme Court, ſhall forever thereafter be diſfranchiſed, and the Eſtate whether real or perſonal, belonging to ſuch Corporation, ſhall forever thereafter be forfeited; one Thid to any Perſon who ſhall proſecute for the ſame, and the remaining two Thrds to the Uſe of this State."

Upon which Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put on the ſaid Motion, it paſſed in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Mc. Daugall.
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Alliſon,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Duane,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. Roofevelt,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Swartwout.

Mr. Duane then moved for a Reconſideration of the laſt preceding Clauſe: Debates aroſe thereon, and the Queſtion being put, it paſſed in the Affirmative, as follows, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Alliſon,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Oothoudt.
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Finck,	

For

For the Negative.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Yates, Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Schuyler. Mr. Klock.

Mr. Schuyler then moved that the said last preceding Clause be expunged: De-
tes arose thereon, and the Question being put, it passed in the Affirmative,
Mr. Schuyler then moved that the following Clause be added to the Bill, viz.
" And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Corpo-
ion Trustees, or Persons intrusted with the Temporalities, or with the Manage-
nt and Disposition of the Temporalities of any Church, Congregation or religious
ciety, already incorporated or hereafter to be incorporated in this State, shall and
reby are required, once in every three Years, and between the first Day of January,
d the first Day of April triennially, to be computed from the first Day of January last,
make out and file in the Court of Chancery, a true, perfect and particular Invento-
nd Account, of all the real and personal Estate then belonging to the religious Socie-
whereof they are the Corporation Trustees, or intrusted with the Temporalities,
the Management and Disposition of the Temporalities, together with the Names of
the Tenants holding under them, and the Names of the Person or Persons indebted
them, whether by Bond, Mortgage or otherwise; and also a true Account of the
ual Income or Revenue belonging to such Church, Congregation or religious Socie-
whether they arise from Rents, Interest or otherwise, to the Intent that the same
y be preserved in the said Court of Chancery, and that the Legislature may from
me to Time know when the annual Income or Revenue of any such Church, Con-
gation or Society exceeds the Sum they are respectively entitled to hold as a corpo-
Body, by Virtue of the Charter of Incorporation, or by Virtue of any Law of
Land; and if such Corporation Trustees, or Persons intrusted with the Manage-
nt or Disposition of the Temporalities as aforesaid, shall neglect to file such Inven-
y and Account as aforesaid, or if such Account and Inventory shall thereafter appear
be false, unjust or imperfect, it shall be lawful to and for the Attorney General
his State, and he is hereby directed and required, to institute Process in the Su-
me Court of this State, against every such delinquent Corporation Trustees, or
nagers as aforesaid, and upon Conviction of the Fact charged by the said Attorney
neral, the Court shall give Judgment against such Corporation Trustees, or Mana-
so convicted, and direct the Sum of five Hundred Pounds to be levied by Distress
Sale of the Delinquent's Goods, Chattles, Lands or Tenements, and to be appli-
o the Use of the State; and likewise direct the like Sum to be monthly levied on
Corporation Trustees, or Managers, until they shall produce a Certificate from the
ncellor, directed to the Sheriff of the County wherein such Delinquent dwells for
Time being, of their having filed such Inventory, to be applied to the Use of the
e as aforesaid.

Mr. Duane then moved that the Words *already incorporated, or* be expunged. De-
s arose thereon, and the Question being put, it passed in the Negative, as fol-
s, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Parks, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Finck, Mr. Paine,
Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Klock, Mr. Gasharie,
Mr. Yates, Mr. Webster, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Williams.
Mr. Allison,

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Ward, Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Duane, Mr. Oothoudt, Mr. Roosevelt.

hen the Question being put on Mr. Schuyler's Motion, it passed in the Affirma-
in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative,

Mr. Parks, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Finck, Mr. Paine,
Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Klock, Mr. Gasharie,
Mr. Yates, Mr. Webster, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Williams,
Mr. Allison,

For the Negative.

Mr. Ward. Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Duane, Mr. Oothoudt, Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Whiting further reported, that they had altered the Title of the Bill, in the Words following, viz. "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State, to appoint Truſtees who ſhall be a Body corporate, for the ſole Purpoſe of taking Care of the Temporalities of their reſpective Congregations, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the ſame in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 2d, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident.

And the ſame Members (except Mr. Duane, and Addition of Mr. Stoutenburgh) as Yeſterday.

Mr. Finck from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Richard Morris, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, from paying any Part or Share of the Produce of a Mine in the County of Weſtcheſter, to the People of this State, as Sovereign thereof, until the firſt Day of May, in the Year of our Lord, 1795;" reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, by Mr. Chief Juſtice Morris, was received, purporting, That it does not appear improper to the Council that the Bill, entitled, "An Act relative to the Courts of Common Pleas and General Seſſions of the Peace, for the City and County of New-York, and the other Counties therein mentioned," ſhould become a Law of this State.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of this State, with the United States," after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act for making ſuch Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church, as to render it more conformable to the Conſtitution of the State;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 3d, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (with Addition of Mr. Morris and Mr. Duane) as Yeſterday.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State to appoint Truſtees, who ſhall be a Body corporate, for the *ſole* Purpoſe of taking Care of the Temporalities of their reſpective Congregations, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," was read the third Time. Debates aroſe thereon, and the Queſtion being put, it paſſed in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Webber,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Gasharie,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Oothoudt.
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Finck,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Ward,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Swartwout.

Thereupon, *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly) and read, in the Words following, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"I HAVE the Honor to lay before you for your Information, a Letter I have received from the President of Congress, dated the 20th Day of February last, with a Certificate of the Secretary, by which it appears, that Business of the highest Importance to the Safety, Honor and Happiness of the United States, is at a Stand, for want of Representation agreeably to the Articles of Confederation.

"It will also appear by this Letter, that no Arrangements have yet been made for garrisoning the Western and Northern Posts in this State, and securing our Frontiers; and therefore no satisfactory Information can be expected from Congress, on the Subject of the concurrent Resolutions of the Senate and Assembly, of the 28th and 30th of January, until such a Representation of the States takes Place, as will enable them to proceed to Business.

GEO. CLINTON."

New-York, March 2d, 1784.

The Letter from the President of Congress, and Certificate of the Secretary, referred to in his Excellency's Message, were also read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Chancellor Livingston) was read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act relative to the Gaols in Suffolk, Kings, Queens, Richmond and Westchester Counties, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," should become a Law of this State.

A Petition of Elijah Tompkins and others, praying to have their Farms restored to them; was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken up when the confiscated Estates are to be determined on.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Imprisonment of Persons for Debts and other Demands of the Value of ten Pounds and under," was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Malcom and Mr. Becker) was received, with the following Resolution for Concurrence, viz.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That Elizabeth Holt be, and hereby is appointed to Print the Laws of this State.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for making such Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church as to render it more conformable to the Constitution of the State," after some time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday,

THURSDAY MORNING, March 4th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident.

Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Gaſharie,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Rooſevelt.

A Memorial of Anthony Poſt, late Capt. of Artillery Artificers, praying for his Pay due for his Services from 1ſt Auguſt, 1780, to 22d June, 1781; was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken in Conſideration, with the Bill entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and ſettle the Accounts of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued in 1781.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and ſettle the Accounts of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued in 1781;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Klock from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of this State, with the United States," reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams, Mr. Oothoudt and Mr. Alliſon, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable the Surveyor General of this State, to receive all ſuch Maps, Papers and Records, which appertained to the Office of Surveyor General of the late Colony of New-York.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, March 5th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (with Addition of Mr. Duane, Mr. Haring and Mr. L'Hommedieu) as Yeſterday.

Four ſeveral Memorials, No. 1. ſigned John Haſkin and 24 others, No. 2. ſigned James Egbert and 81 others, No. 3. ſigned William W. Ludlow and 102 others, and No. 4. ſigned Charles Shaw and 125 others, praying (in Caſe the Bill now pending before the Senate, entitled, "An Act for making ſuch Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church, as to render it more conformable to the Conſtitution of the State," becomes a Law of this State) that one of the Epiſcopal Churches may be allotted them for the Purpoſe of Divine Worſhip, together with a proportion able Part of the Temporalities of the Church, for the Support of their Miniſter, was read, and ordered to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill before mentioned, to be pending before this Senate.

A Petition of Col. Marinus Willet, praying Pay for the Officers and Soldiers of the Regiment of Levies commanded by him in the Year 1781; and a Petition of Gen. John Lamb, praying for additional Pay as Surveyor of Ordinance; were read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and ſettle the Accounts

Accounts of the Troops of t his State, in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued in 1781."

Mr. Paine from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Jonathan Landon, Eſq; reported that it was the Opinion of the Committee, that the ſaid Memorial be referred to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to continue an act, entitled, an Act for ſtaying Execution in Suits againſt public Officers, on Contracts and Acts by them made and done in Behalf of the United States, and of this State."

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to a Committee of the Whole, and taken into Conſideration with the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Williams from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Lieut. Col. James Gordon, Capt. Adiel Sherwood, and Ezekiel Robarts, and others, praying Payment for their Time of Captivity; reported, that it was the Opinion of the Committee, that a Bill ſhould be brought in for the Relief of the ſaid Petitioners.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams and Mr. Oothoudt, bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Mr. Mc. Dougall moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act for ſettling a Miniſtry, and raiſing a Maintenance for them in the City of New-York, Counties of Richmond, Weſtcheſter and Queens; and the ſeveral other Acts therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Mc. Dougall accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Impriſonment of Perſons, for Debts or other Demands of the Value of ten Pounds and under;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Floyd from the Committee, reported the Proceedings of the Committee, as follows, viz.

That upon reading of the Bill, Mr. Haring moved that the ſame be rejected: That Debates aroſe thereon, and the Queſtion being put, it paſſed in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Whiting.
Mr. Duane,			

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Gaſharie,
Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Yates.

That upon reading the ſecond enacting Clauſe of the Bill, Mr. Schuyler moved for the following Proviſo, to be inſerted, viz.

"*Provided always*, That where it ſhall appear to the Juſtice or Juſtices, trying the Cauſe by the Oath of two Witneſſes, that the Defendant hath no viſible Goods and Chattels, other than his wearing Apparel, and ſuch other Articles as he uſually carries about him; that in ſuch Caſe, Execution ſhall be awarded againſt his Perſon; any Thing in this Act to the Contrary, notwithſtanding."

Debates aroſe thereon, and the Queſtion being put, it paſſed in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Alliſon,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Gaſharie,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Parks,

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Duane,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Whiting,		

Mr. Floyd further reported, that they had altered the Title of the Bill, in the Words following, viz. " A Supplementary Act to the Act entitled, an Act to empower Juſtices of Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen, to try Cauſes to the Value of ten Pounds and under, and to repeal ſundry Acts therein mentioned; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read: The Queſtion being put, whether the ſaid Bill ſhould be engroſſed. Debates aroſe thereon, and it paſſed in the Affirmative, in Manner folllowing, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Paine,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Oothoudt,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Morris.

For the Negative.

Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Townſend,
Mr. Gaſharie,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Parks,	

Thereupon *Ordered*, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Cantine and Mr. Dennis) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, " An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands within this State;" which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, " An Act to eſtabliſh the Rates of Wharfage and Cranage, within the City of New-York;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Morris from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, March 6th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (except Mr. Rooſevelt) as Yeſterday.

A Memorial of Colonel Benjamin Walker, praying for additional Pay for his Services in the Staff of the Army, from the 1ſt of Auguſt to the 31ſt of December, 1780, to be included in the Settlement of Accounts of the Troops for 1781; was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Andrew Gautier, praying, that the Petition of Samuel Fraunces may be rejected; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, " A ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, an Act to empower Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen, to try Cauſes to the Value of ten Pounds and under, and to repeal ſundry Acts therein mentioned, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," was read the third Time.

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands within this State," was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Oothoudt, Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Ward, Mr. Haring, Mr. L'Hommedieu and Mr. Webſter, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, " for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates within this State."

Reſolved, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That the Treaſurer of this State, be requeſted to pay unto the Honorable Ephraim Paine, Eſquire, and the Honorable Charles D'Witt, Eſquire, each the Sum of two Hundred Pounds, out of any Money in Specie, which may be in the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer, and that this Legiſlature at this preſent Meeting will make Proviſion to indemnify him for ſo doing.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Haring, carry a Copy of the ſaid Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. Schuyler according to Order, brought in a Bill, "for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates within this State," which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Morris from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to eſtabliſh the Rates of Wharfage and Cranage within the City of New-York," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, added a Clauſe thereto, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act to eſtabliſh the Rates of Wharfage and Carnage within the City of New-York, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Morris, carry the Bill, with a Copy of the Amendments to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of this State with the United States," reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 oClock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, March 8th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Preſident.

Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Gaſharie,	Mr. Townſend,
Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Morris.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Schuyler,	

A Petition of William Cobb and Lyman Hitchcock, praying a Leaſe of the garriſon Lands at the South End of Lake George; a Petition of John Wood, praying a Grant of Lands adjoining to the garriſon Lands at Niagara, a Petition of Joſeph Strang and others, and a Petition of Jarvis Duſenbury, and others, Inhabitants of Weſtcheſter County, praying a Grant of Lands; a Petition of Joſhua Horton, on Behalf of himſelf and others, and a Memorial of John Ryon, on Behalf of himſelf and his Aſſociates, relative to unappropriated Lands; a Petition of Eunice Gray, praying the Aid of the Legiſlature to recover Poſſeſſion of a Farm and the Rents thereof; and a Petition of Obadiah Gore, in Behalf of himſelf and others, praying a Confirmation of Lands, purſuant to a joint Reſolution of March laſt; were reſpectively read, and committed to the Committee on the Land-Office.

Mr. L'Hommedieu moved for Leave to bring a Bill, to aſcertain the Place from whence the Milage Fees, of the Sheriffs of the Counties of Suffolk and Queens, ſhall be computed.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. L'Hommedieu accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Yates and Mr. Leeder) was received, with a Reſolution of Concurrence with the Senate, in their Reſolution of the 6th Inſtant.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the more eaſy Conveyance and Recovery of Lands," reported the Proceedings of the Committee, as follows, viz.

That upon reading the third enacting Clauſe, Mr. Yates moved that the firſt Blank

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in the ſaid Clauſe, be filled up with the Words *ſixty Years*. Debates aroſe thereon, and the Queſtion being put, it paſſed in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Swartwout
Mr. Gaſharie,			

For the Negative.

Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Parks.

Mr. Oothoudt further reported, that they had added a Clauſe to the Bill, and altered the Title, in the Words following, viz. "An Act for the more eaſy Conveyance and Recovery of Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 9th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (except Mr. Rooſevelt) as Yeſterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to aſcertain the Place from whence the milage Fees of the Sheriffs of the Counties of Suffolk and Queens, ſhall be computed," was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act declaratory of the Freedom of the Perſons therein mentioned;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams, from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Adgate and Mr. Ford) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal the fourteenth Section of the Act, entitled, an Act to empower Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen, to try Cauſes to the Value of ten Pounds and under; and to repeal ſundry Acts therein mentioned," informing that they had paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Webſter carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of this State, with the United States," reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 10th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (with Addition of Mr. Rooſevelt) as Yeſterday.

A Petition of Benjamin Hildreth, and 43 others, and a Petition of Benjamin Roſ and 40 others, verbatum with the four ſeveral Petitions, entered on the Journals

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he 5th Inſtant, were preſented, and ordered to be taken into Conſideration with the ſaid four Petitions.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act o facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of this State, with the United States," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſundry Amendments, added ſeveral Clauſes, and altered the Title, in the Words following, viz. "An Act to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of the United States, Amendments in within this State;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the t the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to aſcertain the Place from whence the mileage Fees of the Sheriffs of the Counties of Suffolk and Queens, ſhall be computed;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Rooſevelt from the Committee of Trade, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, o eſtabliſh the Reputation of the Flour of this State, at foreign Markets, and to revent Frauds and Abuſes in the Exportation thereof.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Rooſevelt accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, nd ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors ithin this State.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, nd ordered a ſecond Reading,

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act r providing a proper Place for the Lodgment and ſafe uſtody of the public Records nd Papers, belonging to the Secretaries Office of this State, and for the Convenien- of exerciſing the ſaid Office, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," reported, at they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, added a Clauſe ereto, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act to appropri- e certain Buildings to public Uſes," which report he read in his Place, and deli- ered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read d agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly of the 2d Inſtant (by Mr. elſton and Mr. Platt) was received with a Reſolution of Concurrence with this nate in their Reſolution, containing Inſtructions to the Delegates from this State the United States in Congreſs.

Ordered, That the Preſident ſign the ſaid Inſtructions, on Behalf of this Senate.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act encourage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands within this ate," reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he s directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, March 11th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident.

Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Alliſon,
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Haring.
Mr. Gaſharie,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Swartwout,			

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to aſcertain the Place from whence the Mileage Fees of the Sheriffs of the Counties of Shuffolk and Queens ſhall be computed," was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to appropriate certain Buildings to public Uſes," was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring, carry the ſaid two Bills to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors within this State," was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands within this State," reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, March 12th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (except Mr. Paine and Mr. Floyd, and adding Mr. Rooſevelt and Mr. Stoutenburgh) as Yeſterday.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the more eaſy Conveyance and Recovery of Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," was read the third Time, the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Affirmative by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Oothoudt. Thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence thereto.

The Senate Reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors within this State," after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Haring from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the ſame, which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Bruſh and Mr. Platt) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act to enable the Freeholders of the Town of Huntington, to hold their annual Town-Meetings on the firſt Tueſday in April," which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (delivered by Mr. Chief Juſtice Morris) was read, purporting, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal the fourteenth Section, of the Act, entitled, an Act to empower Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen,

ldermen, to try Causes to the Value of ten Pounds and under; and to repeal sun-ry Acts therein mentioned," should become a Law of this State.

Mr. Schuyler from the Committee of Indian Affairs, reported, that it was the pinion of the Committee, that a Bill be brought in to appoint his Excellency the overnor of this State, or the Person administering the Government thereof for the ime being, and other Persons therein designated, to Superintend Indian Affairs in is State.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for that Purpose.

Mr. Schuyler according to Order brought in the said Bill, which was read the first ime, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act encourage the Settlement of the waste and unappropriated Lands within this State," ported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was di-ted by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Letter from Mrs. Maria Farmer, directed to his Honor the President, offering the Acceptance of the Senate, an ancient Portrait of the celebrated Discoverer of merica, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, taken from an original Painting, *Anno* 1592, d which has been in her Family for upward of 150 Years; was read.

Resolved, That this Senate do accept with grateful Acknowledgements, the antient d valuable Portrait, offered by Mrs. Maria Farmer.

Ordered, That the Acceptance thereof be signified by the President, in a Letter to t Lady with the thanks of this Senate.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, March 13th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (except Mr. Roosevelt) as Yesterday.

A Petition of Charity Boerum, of the Township of Brooklyne, on Long-Island, ying Assistance to remove her Barn, which had been taken from her Farm by illiam Axtell, and converted to his Use; a Petition of Elisha Chadwick; and a ition of Silas Pepoon, of Northampton Patent, praying to be reinstated in their perty, respectively; were read, and committed to the Committee appointed to ng in a Bill, for the speedy Sale of confiscated Estates.

The following Petitions were respectively read, and committed to the Committee the Land-Office, viz. "A Petition of Col. Morgan Lewis, praying that the veyor-General may be authorised to grant him the necessary Certificate, to enable to obtain a Grant of Lands, located by him; a Petition of George Freligh, 1560 others, with an Appendix of Chancey Graham, and 154 Associates; a Pe-on of Moses Pierson and others; of Edward Mott, an Agent for himself and ers; of Nathaniel Mason and others; of Simon Calkins and others; of John uer and others; of James Barker and others; of James Green and others, and of rge Carpenter and others, praying severally, for Grants of Lands within this e.

Petition of Charles Moncrief, a Prisoner in Orange County, upon a Writ of athan Brooks, for an Obligation given him for Cattle purchased for the Use of State, praying Relief in the Premises; was read, and committed to Mr. Yates, Mc. Dougall, Mr. Haring and Mr. Parks.

he engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors within State," was read the third Time.

esolved, That the Bill do pass.

rdered, That Mr. Duane, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assem-and request their Concurrence thereto.

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The Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Freeholders of the Town of Huntington, to hold their annual Town Meetings on the firſt Tueſday in April;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Surveyor General of this State, to receive all ſuch Maps, Papers and Records, which appertained to the Office of Surveyor General of the late Colony of New-York;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act for ſettling a Miniſtry, and raiſing a Maintenance for them in the City of New-York, Counties of Richmond, Weſtcheſter and Queens; and the ſeveral other Acts therein mentioned," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint his Excellency the Governor of this State, or the Perſon adminiſtering the Government thereof for the Time being, and other Perſons therein deſignated to ſuperintend Indian Affairs, in this State," were reſpectively read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Haight and Mr. Purdy) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act declaring the Eaſt Ward of the Manor of Cortlandt, and the Diſtrict of Salem in the County of Weſtcheſter, to be two Townſhips, in Manner therein deſignated;" which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Morris, be a Committee to prepare a Draft of Inſtructions to his Excellency the Governor, reſpecting the Fortreſſes on the Northern and Weſtern Frontiers of this State.

Mr. Klock from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and ſettle the Accounts of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued in 1781," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſundry Amendments, added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, and altered the Title, in the Words following, viz. "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and ſettle the Accounts of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued, for the Time therein mentioned;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Klock further reported, that it was the Opinion of the Committee, that a Bill be brought in, for the Settlement and Pay of the Levies.

Ordered, That Mr. Gaſharie and Mr. L'Hommedieu, prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Mr. Alliſon moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to encourage the deſtroying of Crows within the ſeveral Counties therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Alliſon accordingly brought in the Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Ford and Mr. Chriſtopher P. Yates) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for apprehending of Perſons in any County, upon Warrants granted by the Juſtices of the Peace of any other County;" which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh, from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 oClock on Monday Morning next.

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MONDAY MORNING, March 15th, 1784.

The following Members being met, viz.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Schuyler,
Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Gasharie,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Mr. Dougall,
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Duane.
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Townsend,	

And his Honor the President being indisposed, and not able to attend, the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 16th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (except Mr. Duane, and adding of Mr. Roosevelt) as Yesterday.

A Memorial of John Lawrence, Esq; late Judge Advocate General of the Army of the United States, praying that his Account which remains unsettled, may be included in the Bill now before the Legislature, for settling with the Troops of this State, for their Pay accrued in 1781; was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, to be taken up with Col. Willet's Petition.

A Petition of Corset Veeder, and others, relative to a Highway at Nestigyonie, in Albany County; was read, and committed to Mr. Oothoudt, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Webster.

A Petition of Phebe Pell, complaining that Philip Pell Esq; occupies the Farm of her late Husband; was read, and committed to Mr. Morris, Mr. Ward and Mr. Webster.

A Petition of Thomas Jarvis and others, Trustees of the Town of Huntington in Suffolk County, praying a Law to change the annual Day of Election of Town Officers; was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, to be taken up with the Bill in Hand for that Purpose.

A Memorial of Josiah Throop, on Behalf of the Inhabitants of Warren's Bush in Tryon County, praying a Law to remit the Arrears of Rent due from them; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Col. Cochran, praying a Grant of Lands at Crown Point, a Petition of Ebenezer Markham, praying a Lease of Land at the Carrying Place, between Lake George and Lake Champlain, and a Petition of Gen. James Clinton and others, Inhabitants of Ulster County, praying a Grant of unappropriated Lands; were respectively read, and committed to the Committee on the Land-Office.

A Petition of Captain Theodosius Fowler, of the 2d New-York Regiment, praying, that the Estate of his Father, forfeited to the People of this State, may be appropriated to the Use of himself, his Brothers and Sisters, was read, and committed to the Committee on the Bill in Hand, for the speedy Sale of confiscated Estates.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued for the Time therein mentioned," was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Gasharie, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence thereto.

ERRATA in the Votes of the Senate page 55, in the eighth, ninth and tenth Lines from the Top—For, "An Act facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of the United States, Amendments in within this State;" which Report he ad in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to—Read, "An ct to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of the United States within this State," which Report he read in his ace, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act declaring the East-Ward of the Manor of Cortlandt, and the Diſtrict of Salem in the County of Weſtcheſter to be two Townſhips, in Manner therein deſignated," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for apprehending of Perſons in any County, upon Warrants granted by the Juſtices of the Peace of any other County," were reſpectively read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Reſolved, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That his Excellency the Governor be requeſted to take ſuch Meaſures as he ſhall deem neceſſary, to prevent any Damage which might ariſe to the Fortreſſes on the Frontiers of this State, from a ſudden Evacuation thereof by his Britannic Majeſty's Troops, until Garriſons can be ſent to occupy the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Yates, carry a Copy of the aforegoing Reſolution, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Stagg and Mr. Van Zandt) was received, with a Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts which may have ariſen, reſpecting the Charter Rights of the Miniſter, Elders and Deacons, of the reformed Proteſtant Dutch Church of the City of New-York, in Conſequence of the late Invaſion of this State," informing that they had paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt, carry the ſaid Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Van Zandt and Mr. Stagg) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act impoſing Duties on the Importation of certain Goods, Wares and Merchandize," which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, added a Clauſe thereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act for ſettling a Miniſtry, and raiſing a Maintenance for them in the City of New-York, Counties of Richmond, Weſtcheſter and Queens, and the ſeveral other Acts therein mentioned:" After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. L'Hommedieu from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Freeholders of the Town of Huntington, to hold their annual Town-Meetings, on the firſt Tueſday in April:" After ſome ſpent Time thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. L'Hommedieu from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Ward carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to continue an Act, entitled, "An Act for ſtaying Execution in Suits againſt public Officers on Contracts, and Acts by them made, and done in Behalf of the United States, and of this State:" After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Petition of Simon Dubois and others, stiling themselves *the twelve Men or Trustees*, cted by the Freeholders of the Patent of New-Paltz, in the County of Ulster, ying for Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the Partition of Lands, heretofore de within the said Patent; was read, and committed to Mr. Gasharie, Mr. Schuy- and Mr. Haring.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Veeder and Mr. ris) was received, informing, that they do concur with the Senate in their Reso- ion of this Day.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler and Mr. L'Hommedieu, wait upon his Excellency Governor, with a Copy of the preceding concurrent Resolutions.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Paris and Mr. eder) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for removing Doubts, which y have arisen from the late Invasions, and the Disorders thereby occasioned, re- cting the Charter Rights and Privileges granted to the Mayor, Aldermen and mmonalty of the City of New-York," informing, that they had passed the Bill h the Amendments therewith delivered.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An t to appoint his Excellency the Governor of this State, or the Person administer- the Government thereof, for the Time being, and other Persons therein designa- , to superintend Indian Affairs in this State;" after some Time spent thereon, the sident resumed the Chair, and Mr. Parks from the Committee, reported, that they d made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to ve for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 17th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (with Addition of Mr. Duane) as Yesterday.

A Memorial of William Tapp, late a Lieut. in the First New-York Regiment, ying that the Auditors may by Law be authorised to allow him Depreciation on his Pay, ile in Service; was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, to whom s referred the Petition of Major Ledyard.

A Petition of William Humfrey, Jacobus Swartwout and Marinus Willet, pray- g a Grant of 8000 Acres of Land, as Officers in the Service of his Brittannic Majes- in the Year 1758, and allowed to others in similar Cases; was read, and commit- to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Henry Van Rensselaer, and others, praying that Messrs. Jeremiah Rensselaer, John Depeyster Ten Eyck, and Jeremiah Lansing, may by Law, be ointed Trustees, to settle the Estate of the Widow Elizabeth Richards, deceased; read, and committed to Mr. Yates, Mr. Oothoudt and Mr. Finck.

A Petition of Andries Onderdonck, of Orange County, Executor of the Estate John Mutts, deceased, and others, Elders and Deacons of the Dutch Church in verstraw Precinct, praying that Provision may be made for the Recovery of the Estate, bequeathed to the said Church; was read, and committed to Mr. L'Hom- ieu, Mr. Haring and Mr. Parks.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act for set- a Ministry, and raising a Maintenance for them in the City of New-York, nties of Richmond, Westchester and Queens; and also the several other Acts ein mentioned," was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor," read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall, carry the said Bills to the Honorable the House Assembly, and request their Concurrence thereto.

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The Bill, entitled, "An Act impoſing Duties on the Importation of certain Goods, Wares and Merchandize," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the deſtroying of Crows, within the ſeveral Counties therein mentioned," were reſpectively read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Senate proceeded to the Conſideration of the Reſolution of the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, of the 2d Inſtant, to appoint Mrs. Elizabeth Holt, to print the Laws of this State. Thereupon

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their ſaid Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall carry a Copy of the ſaid Reſolution of Concurrence to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Petition of Samuel Broome, and Co. and a Number of other Merchants, praying that Merchandize by them to be imported for a ſhort Period therein mentioned may be exempted from Duties or Impoſt; was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill, impoſing Duties on the Importation of certain Goods, Wares and Merchandize.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, by Mr. Chief Juſtice Morris, was read, purporting, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts which may have ariſen reſpecting the Charter Rights of the Miniſter, Elders and Deacons of the reformed Proteſtant Dutch Church of the City of New-York, in Conſequence of the late Invaſion of this State," ſhould become a Law of this State.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the better Regulation of Inns and Taverns, and Retailers of ſtrong and ſpiritous Liquors, in the City and County of New-York.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, March 18th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Alliſon,
Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Townſend,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Gaſharie,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Duane.

The Bill entitled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Inns and Taverns, and Retailers of ſtrong and ſpiritous Liquors in the City and County of New-York," was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Gaſharie according to Order brought in a Bill, for ſettling the Accounts of the Levies, raiſed in this State during the late War; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Reſolved, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That a joint Committee of both Houſes of the Legiſlature be appointed, to take into Conſideration, the State of Affairs on the Northern and Weſtern Frontiers of this State, and to report their Opinion as ſoon as may be; and in Caſe of ſuch Concurrence that Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Haring and Mr. Yates be of the ſaid Committee, on the Part of this Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Gordon and Mr. Coe) was received, with a Reſolution of the Concurrence of that Honorable Houſe with this Senate in the preceding Reſolution; and that Mr. Gordon, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Coe, are appointed of the ſaid Committee, on the Part of that Honorable Houſe.

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The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act imposing Duties on the Importation of certain Goods, Wares and Merchandize;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams from the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of New-York, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the said Bank; was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Mc. Dougall, prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Mr. Roosevelt, according to Order, brought in a Bill, for incorporating the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of the State of New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, March 19th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (with Addition of Mr. Stoutenburgh) as Yesterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for settling the Accounts of the Levies raised in this State during the War," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of the State of New-York," were respectively read the second Time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act declaring the East Ward of the Manor of Cortlandt, and the District of Salem in the County of Westchester, to be two Townships in Manner therein designated:" After some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Whiting from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Ward carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill without Amendment.

A Petition of Harmanus Cuyler and Bartholomew J. Van Valkenburgh, of the County of Albany, praying an exclusive Right of Ferriage, from Cockfakie across to Kinderhook, was read, and committed to Mr. Klock, Mr. Yates and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

Mr. Morris moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, "An Act for granting a more effectual Relief, in Cases of certain Trespasses."

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Morris accordingly brought in the Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Schuyler from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Simon Dubois and others, stiling themselves, *the True Twelve Men or Trustees*, elected by the freeholders of the Patent of New-Paltz in the County of Ulster, reported, that it was the Opinion of the Committee, that the Senate should order as follows, viz.

Ordered, That the Petitioners praying for Leave to bring a Bill into the Legislature, to confirm the Partitions of Lands heretofore made within the Patent of the *New-Paltz* in the County of Ulster, have Leave to bring such Bill into this Senate, at the next Meeting of the Legislature; and that the Petitioners, in the mean time, cause a Copy of this Order to be published in two or more of the public Newspapers within this State, for four Weeks successively; and also that in fourteen Days from the Date hereof, they deposit with the Clerk of the said County, the proposed Draft of the said Bill, there to remain until the next Meeting of the Legislature, to

be inſpected by all Perſons who may conceive themſelves affected by the ſaid Bill, to the End, that ſuch Perſons may ſhew cauſe, if any they have, why the ſaid Bill ſhould not paſs;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the ſame in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act imposing Duties on the Importation of certain Goods, Wares and Merchandize, reported the Proceedings of the Committee to have been as follows, viz.

That on reading the Clauſe, which provides an Allowance for the Collector, Mr. Morris moved, "That the Collector be allowed at and after the Rate of twelve Hundred Pounds per Annum, including all Expences attending the Office." Debate aroſe thereon, and the Queſtion being put, it paſſed in the Affirmative as follows, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Morris.	Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Finck.
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Haring,	Mr. Gaſharie,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Alliſon.
Mr. Townſend,		

Mr. Williams further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſundry Amendments, added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to aſcertain Weights and Meaſures within this State.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of Jacob Weiſs, jun. and Matthias Halenback, on Behalf of themſelves and as Agents for ſundry others, praying a Grant of a Townſhip therein deſcribed, was read, and committed to the Committee on the Land-Office.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act for the better Regulation of Inns and Taverns, and Retailers of ſtrong and ſpiritous Liquors, in the City and County of New-York;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Schuyler from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act for apprehending of Perſons in any County, upon Warrants granted by the Juſtices of the Peace of any other County;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Yates from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Mr. Yates moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to reſtrain the feeding and burning the Graſs, and cutting Timber on certain Beaches and Iſlands therein mentioned.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Yates accordingly brought in the said Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading,

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waste and unappropriated Lands within this State," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, March 20th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (except Mr. Roosevelt) as Yesterday.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Adgate and Mr. Malcom) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act imposing Duties on the Importation of certain Goods, Wares and Merchandize," informing that they do concur with the Senate, in their Amendments to the said Bill; and that the Bill is amended accordingly.

The said Bill being examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt return the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Inns and Taverns, and Retailers of strong and spiritous Liquors in the City and County of New-York," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks, carry the said Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to ascertain Weights and Measures within this State," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass, and cutting Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned," were respectively read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Bowdewine Terpenning, of the Precinct of Shawangunk, Ulster County, praying for a Law to make a Partition of Lands purchased by him of Susan Delancy; was read and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint his Excellency the Governor of this State, or the Person administering the Government thereof for the Time being, and other Persons therein designated to superintend Indian Affairs in this State," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. An Act to appoint his Excellency the Governor of this State, or Person administering the Government thereof for the Time being, and the Commissioners therein designated to superintend Indian Affairs;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, March 22d, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President.

Mr. Oothoudt

Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Gaillarie,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Hardenbergh,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Roosevelt,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Duane,

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint his Excellency the Governor of this State, or Person administering the Government thereof for the Time being, and the Commissioners therein designated, to superintend Indian Affairs," was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Whiting carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence.

A Petition of Theodorus Snedeker, of Haverstraw Precinct, in the County of Orange, praying that the Judgment found against his Property, may be reversed, and he permitted to enjoy the Privilege of a Citizen, together with three several Affidavits and a Certificate in his Behalf, were respectively read, and committed to Mr. Morris, Mr. Ward and Mr. Oothoudt.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Justice Hobart) was read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Freeholders of the Town of Huntington, to hold their annual Town-Meetings on the first Tuesday in April," should become a Law of this State.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waste and unappropriated Lands within this State," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 23d, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, President,

And the same Members (with addition of Mr. Ward and excepting Mr. Duane) as Yesterday.

A Petition of John Nehemiah, a Native of Hanover, praying to be naturalized, was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Consideration, with the Bill for the Naturalization of Foreigners.

A Petition of Henry Oothoudt, of Catts-kill in the County of Albany, praying an Exemption of paying any Part of the Produce of a Mine (which he conceives to have discovered in the District of Cockfackie in the County of Albany) to the People of this State as Sovereign thereof, until the 1st Day of May, 1795; was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Yates and Mr. Parks, prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, an Act to empower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen, to try Causes to the Value of ten Pounds and under; and to repeal sundry Acts therein mentioned, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was taken into Consideration, when Mr. Yates moved, that the said Bill be rejected.

Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it passed in the Affirmative;

Thereupon, *Resolved*, That the Bill be rejected accordingly.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly, by the Chancellor) was read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act imposing Duties on the Importation of certain Goods, Wares and Merchandize," should become a Law of this State.

A Petition

A Petition of Col. Donald Campbell, praying for a Clause to be added to the Bill before the Senate, for regulating the Land-Office, to enable the Commissioners to assign him such a Portion of the public Lands as they may conceive him and his Family entitled to, for Services rendered this Country, by his late Father, Captain Lauchlin Campbell, Deceased; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken in Consideration, with the Bill for regulating the Land-Office.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waste and unappropriated Lands within this State," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 24th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (except Mr. Townsend and Mr. Roosevelt, and adding Mr. Duane and Mr. Floyd) as Yesterday.

A Petition of Colonels Henry Remsen and Jacob G. Klock, praying that two certain Tracts of Land therein described, may be protected from Location, and if a Grant from the State is thought necessary to confirm their Title, that they may be exempted from paying any Compensation for such Grant; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Consideration with the Bill for regulating the Land-Office.

Mr. Yates according to Order, brought in a Bill, to exempt Henry Oothoudt, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, from paying, or being accountable to the People, as Sovereign of this State, for any Part of the Issues or Profits of the Mine therein described, for a limited Period; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of the United States, within this State," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence.

A Petition of Brigadier-General Moses Hazen, Lieutenant-Colonel Udny Hay, and Pierre Cazau, for themselves, and as Agents for a Number of Officers, Soldiers, and others, chiefly Refugees from Canada, referring to their former Petition presented to his Excellency the Governor, and the Legislature, and praying for a Grant of Lands on Terms therein described; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Consideration with the Bill, for regulating the Land Office.

Then the Senate adjourned until four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Van Zandt and Mr. Ford, was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appropriate certain Buildings to public Uses," informing that they have passed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their Amendments to the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Klock carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Bill is amended accordingly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Van Zandt and Mr. Ford, was received, with two Bills for Concurrence, viz. The Bill, entitled, "An Act to continue and amend an Act, entitled, an Act for the Appointment of an

Auditor, and the Settlement of the public Accounts in this State," and the Bill entitled, "An Act to divide the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, in the County of Albany," which were respectively read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Van Zandt and Mr. Ford, was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for the better laying out, regulating, and keeping in Repair all common and public Highways and private Roads in the Counties of Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, Charlotte, Westchester, Albany and Tryon," which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass, and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Surveyor General of this State, to receive all such Maps, Papers and Records, which appertained to the Office of Surveyor General of the late Colony of New-York;" after some Time spent thereon, the Presiden resumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and altered the Title, in the Words following, viz. "An Act to empower the Surveyor General of this State, to procure the Maps, Papers and Records which appertained to the Offices of Surveyor General, and Receiver General of the late Colony of New-York," and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, March 25th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Gasharie,
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Allison,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr Roosevelt,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Williams,

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Richard Morris, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, from paying any Part or Share, of the Produce of a Mine in the County of Westchester, to the People of this State as Sovereign thereof, until the first Day of May, in the Year of our Lord, 1795," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass, and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to empower the Surveyor General of this State, to procure the Maps, Papers and Records which appertained to the Offices of Surveyor General and Receiver General of the late Colony of New-York," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Floyd carry the said three Bills to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. C. Yates and Mr. Paris) was received, returning the Bill, entitled "An Act to appropriate certain Buildings to public Uses.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. C. Yates and Mr. Paris) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act to alter the Name of the County of Tryon," which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Memorial of the Commiſſioned and Staff Officers of the Regiment of Militia (on the Manor of Cortlandt) commanded by Colonel Samuel Drake, praying for a Grant of Land on the Suſquehana River; was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for regulating the Land-Office.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to continue and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the Appointment of an Auditor and the Settlement of the public Accounts in this State," the Bill, entitled, "An Act to divide the Eaſt Diſtrict of the Manor of Renſelaerwyck in the County of Albany," the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair all common and public Highways and private Roads in the Counties of Ulſter, Orange, Dutcheſs, Charlotte, Weſt Cheſter, Albany and Tryon," the Bill, entitled, "An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for granting a more effectual Relief, in Caſes of certain Treſpaſſes," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Henry Oothoudt, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns from paying, or being accountable to the People as Sovereign of this State, for any Part of the Iſſues or Profits of the Mine therein deſcribed, for a limited Period," were reſpectively read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for making ſuch Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church, as to render it more conformable to the Conſtitution of this State;" reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to adjournment.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for quieting the Minds of the Inhabitants of the North-Eaſtern Parts of this State, paſſed the 14th of April, 1782:" After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee reported, that it was the Opinion of the Committee that the ſaid Bill ſhould be rejected; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, when the Queſtion being put on the ſaid Report, the ſame was agreed to by the Senate. Thereupon

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for eſtabliſhing a Univerſity within this State," was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from his Excellency the Governor (delivered to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly) was received, and read in the Words following, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"YOU will receive with this Meſſage, a Letter from his Excellency the Governor of the State of Connecticut of the 4th of February Inſtant, together with ſeveral Papers therein referred to, reſpecting an Outrage ſaid to be committed on a certain Mr. Barnes, a Citizen of that State. And I ſubmit to the Conſiderarion of the Legiſlature, whether their Interpoſition is not neceſſary, as well to give Relief in the preſent Caſe, as to prevent a Repetition of ſuch Acts of Violence in future.

GEO. CLINTON."

New-York, February 17th, 1784.

The Letter from his Excellency the Governor of the State of Connecticut, and the ſeveral Papers referred to in his Excellency's ſaid Meſſage, were alſo read, and committed to Mr. Ward, Mr. Floyd and Mr. Yates.

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A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly) by Mr. Schuyler and Mr. Lott) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State, to appoint Truſtees, who ſhall be a Body Corporate for the Purpoſe of taking Care of the Temporalities of their reſpective Congregations, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," informing, that they had paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith deſivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, in their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Bill is amended accordingly.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating the Preſident, Directors and Company of the Bank of the State of New-York:" After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Floyd from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, *March* 26th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (except Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Haring and Mr. Parks) as Yeſterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter the Name of the County of Tryon, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Commttee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to continue and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the Appointment of an Auditor, and the Settlement of the public Accounts of this State:" After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Klock carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Mr. Yates from the Committee to whom was referred the Meſſage of his Excellency the Governor, of the 17th of February laſt, accompanied with a Letter from the Governor of Connecticut, reſpecting an Outrage ſaid to have been committed on Stephen Barnes, reported, that the Committee had prepared the Draft of a Bill for the immediate Relief of the ſaid Stephen Barnes; and that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Yates accordingly brought in the Bill, for the immediate Relief of Stephen Barnes, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion of Mr. Morris,

Ordered, That Mr. Morris, Mr. Yates and Mr. Mc. Dougall, be a Committee to take into Conſideration the public Services of Mr. Thomas Paine, and report their Opinion.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates within this State," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting certain Lands promiſed to be given as bounty Lands, by Laws of this State," were reſpectively read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (delivered to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly by Mr. Chancellor Livingſton) was received and read purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act declaring the Eaſt Ward of the Manor of Cortlandt and the Diſtrict of Somers in the County of Weſt-Cheſter, to be two Townſhips in Manner therein mentioned," ſhould become a Law of this State.

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Mr. Williams, from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waste and unappropriated Lands within this State," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, *March* 27th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (except Mr. Finck) as Yesterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Relief of Stephen Barnes," was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of John Zielley, a Lieutenant in Col. Klock's Regiment of Militia, in the County of Tryon, praying for a Reimbursement of Money borrowed by him whilst in Captivity, for his Support, and for which he gave his Note of Hand; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Consideration with the Bill for settling the Accounts of the Levies raised in this State, during the late War."

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Haight) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Sale of certain forfeited Estates; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to divide the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, in the County of Albany." After some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Floyd, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Yates carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill, without Amendment.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Ford and Mr. J. Smith) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State, to appoint Trustees, who shall be a Body-corporate, for the Purpose of taking Care of the Temporalities of their respective Congregations, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly) was received and read, in the Words following, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"I think it my Duty to lay before you several Letters I have just received from different Persons in Cumberland County, by which you will be informed of the Disorders which continue to prevail in that Part of the State, and the disagreeable Situation to which many of our Fellow-Subjects are thereby reduced.

New-York, 27th March, 1784.

GEO. CLINTON."

The several Letters referred to in his Excellency's said Message, were also read, and committed to Mr. Floyd, Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Duane, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Williams.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill "to provide for the Payment of all lawful Debts and Demands, which may be due from Persons who have been attainted or convicted, and whose Estates have been forfeited to this State."

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for ſettling the Accounts of the Levies raiſed in this State, during the late War." After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt, from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Senate will, on Monday Morning next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on his Excellency the Governor's Meſſage of the 30th of January laſt, accompanying *the Ratification of the Definitive Articles of Peace*.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, *March* 29th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

Mr. Ward,	Mr. Gaſharie,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Floyd,	
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Duane.	

A Petition of William Paulding, and others, Tenants of Philipſbourgh, praying Grants of their Farms; and a Petition of James M'Chain, Mary Vincent, and twelve others, Inhabitants of Weſtcheſter County; praying that the Church and Glebe at Philipſburgh may remain for their former Uſes; were reſpectively read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for the Sale of forfeited Eſtates.

A Petition of John Fiſk, for himſelf and Aſſociates, Inhabitants of Berkſhire and Litchfield Counties, in the States of Maſſachuſetts and Connecticut, praying for a Grant of Land; and a Petition of Caleb Smith, and ten others, Inhabitants of Long-Iſland, praying the Privilege of chuſing Lands to be located by them, for Monies advanced in the Courſe of the War, for the Uſe of the State, were reſpectively read, and committed to a Committee of he Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for regulating the Land-Office.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of New-York, to raiſe the ſeveral Sums therein mentioned, for defraying the Expence of the City-Watch and Lamps, and repairing the Roads, and public Wells and Pumps;"—the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Sale of certain forfeited Eſtates;"—and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Payment of all lawful Debts and Demands, which may be due from Perſons who have been attainted or convicted, and whoſe Eſtates have been forfeited to this State," were reſpectively read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of William White, a wounded Soldier, of Cumberland County, praying for Compenſation, was read, and committed to Mr. Gaſharie and Mr. Williams.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Relief of Stephen Barnes." After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Senate, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on his Excellency the Governor's Meſſage of the 30th of January laſt, accompanying the Ratification of the Definitive Articles of Peace, and the Recommendation of Congreſs of the 14th January laſt, purſuant to the 5th Article of the ſaid Definitive Articles; after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair; and Mr. Oouthoudt, from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY

TUESDAY MORNING, March 30th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (with Addition of Mr. Morris and Mr. Haring) as Yesterday.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Relief of Stephen Barnes," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence.

A Petition of Daniel Stephens, late a Serjeant in Colonel Willet's Regiment of State Troops, and wounded in the Service, praying for a small Annuity for Life, was read, and committed to Mr. Gasharie and Mr. Williams.

A Petition of John Thompson, of the City of New-York, Merchant, praying that the unexpired Term of a Lease of a House from William Bayard, Esq; who is attainted, may be granted to him; and that the Monies advanced by him, in repairing said House, may be deducted out of the Rent, was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Consideration with the Bill "for the Payment of all lawful Debts and Demands, which may be due from Persons who have been attainted or convicted, and whose Estates have been forfeited to this State.

A Petition of the Governors of King's-College, praying a Revision of their Charter, and that the said College may be erected into an University, was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Consideration with the Bill "for establishing a University within this State."

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Russel and Mr. Van Brunt) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued for the Time therein mentioned," informing, that they have passed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

The said Amendments being read, Thereupon

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their said Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Bill is amended accordingly.

Mr. Duane moved for Leave to bring in a Bill "concerning the present Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, and General Goal Delivery, now holding in and for the City and County of New-York.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane accordingly brought in the said Bill, which was read the first Time, and by the unanimous Consent of the Senate, the said Bill was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Senate then unanimously resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the present Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, and General Goal Delivery, now holding in and for the City and County of New-York." After some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Duane, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made Amendments thereto, and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

By the unanimous Consent of the Senate, the engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the present Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, now holding in and for the City and County of New-York," was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence.

Resolved unanimously, That the Departure from the ordinary Rules in this Instance, shall not be drawn into Precedent.

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The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter the Name of the County of Tryon." After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair; and Mr. Morris, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſundry Amendments, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act to alter the Names of the Counties of Tryon and Charlotte." Which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Spencer, and others, beg Leave to report,

That your Committee have duly conſidered the ſubject Matter of the ſaid Petition, praying that the Legiſlature may cauſe a Law to be paſſed, to vacate and annul certain Letters Patent of Confirmation, granted to the late Col. John Van Renſſelaer, in the Year 1773, under the Great Seal of the late Colony, now State of New-York, for Lands in the County of Albany, commonly called Clavarack; or to cauſe the Operation of the ſaid Letters Patent to be ſuſpended, until the Petitioners can be heard, by their Council.

That your Committee have not entered into a full Inveſtigation of the Merits of the ſaid Petition, conceiving, that the Interpoſition of the Legiſlature would have been improper, had the Facts ſuggeſted by the Petitioners been ever ſo clearly proved.

1ſt. Becauſe, to ſecure the Liberty of the People, the Conſtitution of this State, hath eſtabliſhed a Judicial Authority, independent of, and ſeparate from, the Legiſlative and Executive, with competent Juriſdiction for deciding all Suits, Claims and Contentions both in Law and Equity; and it would therefore, in the Opinion of your Committee, be arbitrary, and unjuſtifiable in the Legiſlature, whoſe Province it is only to make Laws, to erect itſelf into a Tribunal, for enquiring into, and determining the Rights of the Petitioners, or thoſe who claim againſt them, to the Land in Queſtion.

2dly. Becauſe, by the ſaid Conſtitution, the Senate, with the Chancellor and the Judges of the Supreme Court, are created a Court of Appeals, for hearing and determining all Appeals from the Judgment or Decree of the Courts of Law and Equity of this State. And your Committee conceive, that the Senate, as a Branch of the ſaid Court, ought not to prejudge any Cauſe or Claim, by a partial or premature Enquiry or Examination, but to reſerve their Opinion, uninfluenced and unprejudiced, till the Queſtion ſhall be brought before them by Appeal, in a due and regular Court of Juſtice.——Debates aroſe on the ſaid Report, and the Queſtion being put thereon, the ſame was agreed to by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Webſter, Mr. Whiting, and Mr. Williams.

The Senate then proceeded to take into Conſideration the Order of the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, of the 26th Inſtant, (tranſmitted by Mr. Adgate and Mr. Wm. Harper for Concurrence) viz.

"*Ordered*, if the Honorable the Senate concur herein, That James Spencer and Simeon Rowley, and their Fellow-Petitioners, have Leave to preſent to either Houſe of the Legiſlature, at their firſt Meeting after the firſt Day of November next, a Bill for granting them Relief from the Grievances complained of in their Petition, relative to the Lands they occupy, and which were, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the late Colony of New-York, granted by William Tryon, Eſq; late Governor of the Colony of New-York, to Col. John Van Renſſelaer, ſince deceaſed; that the ſaid James Spencer and Simeon Rowley, do previouſly cauſe a Copy of this Order to be publiſhed for Weeks, in one or more of the Public News-Papers printed in this State; and alſo, that they do cauſe the Executors of the laſt Will and Teſtament of the ſaid John Van Renſſelaer, or one of them, to be ſerved with a Copy of this Order, and of the ſaid Petition, on or before the firſt Day of June next."

The Queſtion being put, Whether the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, in their aforeſaid Order? It was carried in the Negative, by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Webſter, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Williams.—Thereupon

Reſolved,

Resolved, That the Senate do not concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their said Order.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry a Copy of the preceding Resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Schuyler with Leave of the Senate, withdrew previous to the Debates on the said last Report and Order.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Veeder) was received, with two Bills for Concurrence, viz, the Bill entitled, "An Act for raising £. 150,000, by Tax in the several Counties therein mentioned," and the Bill entitled, "An Act for the relief of certain Tenants in the City and County of New-York," which were respectively read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading,

On the Report of the Committee of the Whole, to whom were referred his Excellency the Governor's Message of the 30th of January last, accompanying the Ratification of the Definitive Articles of Peace, and the Recommendation of Congress of the 14th January last, pursuant to the 5th Article of the said Definitive Articles.

Resolved, (if the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) that it appears to this Legislature, that in the Progress of the late War, the Adherents of the King of Great-Britain, instead of being restrained to fair and mitigated Hostilities, which are only permitted by the Laws of Nations, have cruelly massacred without Regard to Age or Sex, many of our Citizens, and wantonly desolated, and laid waste, a great Part of this State, by burning not only single Houses and other Buildings in many Parts of this State, but even whole Towns and Villages, and destroying other Property throughout a great Extent of Country, and in Enterprizes which had nothing but Vengeance for their Object.

And that in Consequence of such unwarrantable Operations, great Numbers of the Citizens of this State, have, from affluent Circumstances been reduced to Poverty and Distress.

Resolved, That it appears to this Legislature, that divers of the Inhabitants of this State, have continued to adhere, to the King of Great Britain, after these States were declared Free and Independent, and persevered in aiding the said King, his Fleets and Armies, to subjugate these United States to Bondage.

Resolved, That as on the one Hand, the Rules of Justice do not require, so on the other, the public Tranquillity will not permit, that such Adherents, who have been attainted, should be restored to the Rights of Citizenship.

And that there can be no Reason, for restoring Property, which has been confiscated or forfeited, the more especially, as no Compensation is offered, on the Part of the said King, and his Adherents, for the Damages sustained by this State and its Citizens, from the Desolation aforesaid,

Resolved therefore, That while this Legislature entertain the highest Sense of national Honor, of the Sanction of Treaties, and of the Deference which is due to the Advice of the United States in Congress Assembled, they find it inconsistent with their Duty to comply with the Recommendation of the said United States, on the subject Matter of the fifth Article of the said Definitive Treaty of Peace.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler carry a Copy of the preceding Resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act for the immediate Sale of certain forfeited Estates," reported, the Proceedings of the Committee, to have been as follows, viz.

That upon coming to the Blank in the Amendment to the first enacting Clause, Mr. Schuyler moved that the said Blank be filled up with £. 20,000. Debates arose thereon, and the Question being put, it was carried in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Klock,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr Roosevelt,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Schuyler.

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Ward, Mr. Finck, Mr. Townſend.

That upon the Queſtion being put on the Clauſe as amended, the ſame was carried in the Affirmative as follows, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Klock, Mr. Webſter, Mr. Yates, Mr. Williams, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Gaſherie, Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Stoutenburgh, Mr. Duane, Mr. Rooſevelt, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Finck,

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Ward, Mr. Townſend.

Mr. Oothoudt further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, added a Clauſe thereto, and agreed to the ſame, which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and upon the Preſident putting the Queſtion thereon, the ſame was carried in the Affirmative as follows, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Klock, Mr. Webſter, Mr. Yates, Mr. Williams, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Gaſherie, Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Stoutenburgh, Mr. Duane, Mr. Rooſevelt, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Finck.

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Ward, Mr. Townſend.

Thereupon *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered. That Mr. Schuyler carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *March* 31ſt, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,
And the ſame Members (except Mr. Duane) as Yeſterday.

The Bill entitled, "An Act for the Relief of certain Tenants, in the City and County of New-York," and the Bill entitled, "An Act for raiſing £. 150,000, by Taxes in the ſeveral Counties therein mentioned," were reſpectively read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler and Mr. Floyd, be added to the Committee appointed, on the Petition of Andries Onderdonck on the 17th Inſtant.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Bruſh) was received with the Bill entitled, "An Act concerning the preſent Seſſions of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, now holding in and for the City and County of New-York," informing, that they have paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (delivered by Mr. Chancellor Livingſton) was received, and read, purporting that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appropriate certain Buildings to public Uſes" ſhould become a Law of this State.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Schuyler and Mr. C. Yates) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to empower the Surveyor General of this State to procure the Maps, Papers or Records, which appertained to the

he Offices of Surveyor General or Receiver General, of the late Colony of New-York," informing, that they have passed the Bill without Amendment; and returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States," for their Pay accrued for the Time therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt, carry the said two Bills to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Livingston and Mr. Savage) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter the Names of he Counties of Tryon and Charlotte," informing, that they have agreed to the Amendments of the Senate to the Bill, and that the Bill is amended accordingly.

The said Bill being examined.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck return the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Henry Oothoudt, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, from Paying or being Accountable to the People as Sovereign of this State, for any Part of the Issues or Profits of the Mine therein described for a limited Period;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Yates from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act to exempt Henry Oothoudt, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, from Paying or being Accountable to the People of this State as Sovereign thereof, for any Part of the Issues or Profits of the Mine therein described for a limited Period," and agreed to the same, which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, April 1st, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

Mr. Ward,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Morris,	

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Henry Oothoudt, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, from Paying or being Accountable to the People of this State as Sovereign thereof, for any Part of the Issues or Profits of the Mine therein described for a limited Period," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to establish the Reputation of the Flour of this State in foreign Markets, and to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Exportation thereof," was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Roosevelt moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to amend An Act, entitled, "An Act for regulating Elections within this State," and for repealing the 12th Clause therein contained.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Roosevelt accordingly brought in the Bill, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of James Lamb, of the Precinct of Haverstraw in the County of Orange, praying to be restored to his Estate, or that such other Relief may be given him as his Case requires; was read, and committed to Mr. Haring, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Whiting.

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A Memorial of Charles Moore, of West-Point in Orange County, praying as t Compensation for his Losses, that he may have Permission, to reside on the Farm of William Sutton, lying between Rye and Mareneck; was read, and committed to Mr. Haring, Mr. Yates, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Floyd.

A Petition of a Number of Indians, praying Leave to enjoy their Lands as before the War; was read, and committed to Mr. Oothoudt, Mr. Finck and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for Settling the Accounts of the Levies raised in this State during the late War; after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments thereto, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act for the Settlement of the Pay of the Levies and Militia, for their Services in the late War;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Mc. Dougall moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, "to make good the Depreciation of the Pay of such meritorious Officers of the Line of this State, as were obliged from Necessity or want of Health, to resign before the Conclusion of the last War.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Mc. Dougall accordingly brought in the Bill, which was read the first Time and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Pell and Mr. Coe) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act to lengthen the Terms of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the Counties of West-Chester, Queens and Richmond," which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Pell and Mr. Coe) was received, with a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Sale of certain forfeited Estates," informing, that they have agreed to the Amendments of the Senate to the said Bill, and that they have amended the Bill accordingly.

The said Bill having been examined.

Ordered, That Mr. Townsend, return the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly by Mr. Chancellor Livingston) was received and read purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled "An Act to divide the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck in the County of Albany," should become a Law of this State.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly by Mr. Chief Justice Morris) was received and read purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled "An Act to continue and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the Appointment of an Auditor, and the Settlement of the public Accounts of this State," should become a Law of this State.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (by Mr. Chief Justice Morris) was received and read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the present Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, now holding in and for the City and County of New-York," should become a Law of this State.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) that his Excellency the Governor, be requested to transmit the Depositions of James Davidson and William White, respecting a Murder and Robbery committed in the North-Eastern Parts of this State, and sworn before the Chief Justice thereof to the Delegates from this State and to direct them to lay the said Depositions before Congress.

Ordered

Ordered, That Mr. Webster carry a Copy of the preceding Resolution, with the Depositions therein mentioned, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to ascertain Weights and Measures within this State;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Duane from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments thereto, and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for making such Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church, as to render it more conformable to the Constitution of this State," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waste and unappropriated Lands within this State," reported, the Proceedings of the Committee to have been as follows, viz.

That on reading the 11th enacting Clause of the Amendments to the Bill which respects the concurrent Resolutions of the Senate and Assembly, of the 27th of March, 1783, granting the Officers and Soldiers of the Line of this State, a Gratuity in Lands,

Mr. Yates moved, that that Part of the Clause respecting the said Resolution, be expunged.

Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it passed in the Negative by all the Members present, except Mr. Yates and Mr. Haring.

Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Finck, at their own Request were excused from voting on the Question.

That on reading that Part of the 14th Clause of the Amendments to the Bill, which respects the Payment of one Shilling an Acre for all Lands to be granted by Virtue of this Act, in Lieu of Quit Rents; Mr. Duane moved that the Words *one Shilling* be expunged.

Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it passed in the Negative by all the Members present, except Mr. Duane, Mr. Finck, Mr. Klock, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Morris.

Mr. Finck then moved, that *one Shilling* in Lieu of Quit-Rents, as far as it respects the Citizens of this State, be expunged.

Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative by all the Members present, except Mr. Finck, Mr. Duane, Mr. Klock, Mr. Morris and Mr. Swartwout.

Mr. Schuyler at his own Request, was excused from voting on the Question.

That on reading the 14th and 15th Clauses of the Amendments to the Bill, which are in the Words following, viz.

"*And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That any Claimant of Lands under his present Britannic Majesty's Proclamation, of the 7th of October, 1763, or by any Mandamus under his Sign Manual, being now a Citizen of this, or of any other of the United States of America, or the Person under whom he or they legally claim, had obtained a Warrant of Survey, or for whom a Warrant of Survey was ordered before the 14th Day of October, 1775, or who had petioned for Lands under such Proclamation, or any such Mandamus, and the Prayer of whose Petition was granted by the then Governor, or the then Governor and Council of the late Colony of New-York, before the Day last mentioned, shall on producing an Office Copy of such Warrant, or of the Order of such Warrant, or a Transcript of the Record granting the Prayer of such Petition, to the said Commissioners, certified by the Secretary of this State or his Deputy, and if the said Commissioners shall determine, that on Principles of Equity and good Conscience such Claimant is justly entitled to the Land de-

ſignated in ſuch Warrant, Order or Petition, they ſhall certifiy the ſame to the Surveyor General, and if he ſhall certify to the ſaid Commiſſioners, that the Lands are not granted, appropriated or occupied, be entitled to and receive Letters Patent therefore, previouſly paying heverthelefs for every Acre contained therein, the Sum of one Shilling as herein after directed, in Lieu of the Quit Rents with which ſuch Grant would have been charged, and producing a Receipt from the Treaſurer of this State, or his Deputy of ſuch Payment;

Provided always, That ſuch Certificate from the ſaid Secretary, ſhall be produced and delivered to the ſaid Commiſſioners, before the Expiration of fifty Days next after the paſſing of this Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Claimant, being a Citizen of this State under ſuch Proclamation, or ſuch Mandamus, and in whoſe favor no Warrant of Survey has been iſſued, or ordered, or the Prayer of whoſe Petition hath not been granted, and every Claimant under an Indian Deed, prior to the 15th Day of October, 1775, for which no Patent has paſſed under the great Seal of the late Colony of New-York, ſhall exhibit his or her Claim to the ſaid Board of Commiſſioners, within fifty Days next after the paſſing of this Act; and if it ſhall appear to the ſaid Commiſſioners that in Equity and good Conſcience, ſuch Claimants would have been entitled to a Grant of Lands under the great Seal of the ſaid Colony, the ſame ſhall be certified by the ſaid Commiſſioners to the ſaid Surveyor General, and if it ſhall appear to the ſaid Surveyor General that the Lands ſo certified, have not been heretofore granted, appropriated or occupied, he ſhall certify the ſame to the Commiſſioners in Manner before directed, to the Intent that Letters Patent may paſs to the Claimant he or ſhe previouſly paying therefore as in the next preceding Clauſe is directed.

"That Perſons inſane, Feme Covert, Minors, or Perſons beyond Sea, being Citizens of this State, who may not be able to exhibit ſuch Claims within the Time limited, by the two next preceding Clauſes, and who may in the Manner herein directed, be hereafter found entitled to Land ſhall and may Locate Lots, not then already Located or Granted in any of the Townſhips to be laid out into Lots, by Virtue of this Act equivalent in Quantity, to the Quantity they may reſpectively be entitled to, and ſhall receive Grants for the ſame, in Manner directed with reſpect to other Claimants as aforeſaid, paying therefore in like Manner."

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Affirmative by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Oothoudt, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Morris.

That on reading that Part of the 19th Clauſe of the Amendments to the ſaid Bill reſpecting, "The receiving of Continental Loan-Office Certificates of this State in Payment for Lands to be granted by Virtue of this Act."

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Affirmative by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Webſter, Mr. Yates, Mr. L'Hommedieu and Mr. Townſend.

That Mr. Mc. Dougall then moved, that Certificates iſſued by the Paymaſter General or Commiſſioners for liquidating and ſettling the Accounts of the Army, for Pay, Subſiſtance and Commutation granted to Citizens of this State, be alſo inſerted in the ſaid 19th Clauſe of the Amendments.

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Whiting.	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Parks.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Morris,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Townſend,

The Committee being equally divided, the Chairman Voted in the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall at his own requeſt was excuſed from Voting on the Queſtion.

That on reading the 25th Clauſe of the Amendments to the ſaid Bill, in the Words following, viz.

"*And*

"*And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners, to direct the Surveyor General to set a Part such Quantity of unappropriated and unoccupied Lands for the Canadian Refugees, in the Corps, commanded by Brigadier General Hazen, at such Place in the Northern Parts of this State as they shall think proper, not exceeding the Quantity of Acres to each, as is to be granted to the Officers and Soldiers of the Line of this State, by Virtue of this Act, and to direct Letters patent to issue in like Manner as to the said Officers and Soldiers."

Debates arose thereon, and the Question being put, it passed in the Affirmative by all the Members present, except Mr. Oothoudt.

Mr. Williams further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments and agreed to the same, which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill with the Amendments do Pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill with the Amendments herewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, *April* 2d, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (except Mr. Stoutenburgh) as Yesterday.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement and Pay of the Levies and Militia, for their Services in the late War," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to ascertain Weights and Measures, within this State," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout carry the said two Bills to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to lengthen the Terms of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in the Counties of Westchester, Queens and Richmond," was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New-York, to raise the several Sums therein mentioned, for defraying the Expence of the City Watch and Lamps, and repairing the Roads and public Wells and Pumps;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Duane from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments thereto, and altered the Title, in the Words following, viz. "An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City and County of New-York, to raise Monies by Tax, for the Purposes therein mentioned;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Gordon and Mr. Hart) was received with a Resolution of the Concurrence of that Honorable House, in the Resolutions of the Senate of the 30th March last, on the Report of the Committee to whom were referred his Excellency the Governor's Message of the 30th January last.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair all common and public Highways and private Roads, in the Counties of Ulster, Orange, Dutchess,

ess, Charlotte, Weſtcheſter, Albany and Tryon;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Finck from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, added two Clauſes thereto, and altered the Title, in the Words following, viz. "An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair, all common and public Highways and private Roads, in the Counties of Ulſter, Orange, Dutcheſs, Waſhington, Weſtcheſter, Albany and Montgomery;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Mr. Gordon and Mr. Lott, was received, with two Bills for Concurrence, viz. The Bill, entitled, "An Act to divide the Townſhip of Hempſtead, in Queens County," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts concerning the Corporation of the Chamber of Commerce, and to confirm the Rights and Privileges thereof;" which were reſpectively read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Mr. Gordon and Mr. Lott, was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Relief of Stephen Barnes," informing that they have paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments be poſtponed.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, *April* 3d, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (with Addition of Mr. Alliſon and Mr. Stoutenburgh) as Yeſterday.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City and County of New-York, to raiſe Monies by Tax for the Purpoſes therein mentioned," was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do Paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to divide the Townſhip of Hempſtead in Queens County," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts concerning the Corporation of the Chamber of Commerce, and to confirm the Rights and Privileges thereof," were reſpectively read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Lott and Mr. Paris) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for repairing the Court-Houſe and Gaol in Kings County," which was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Senate proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment of the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, to the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Relief of Stephen Barnes." Thereupon

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their ſaid Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Whiting, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Bill is amended accordingly.

A Petition of the Recorder, Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City of New-York, praying, that in Conſideration of the great Variety of other Buſineſs, which will require the indiſpenſable Attention of the Common Council, a certain Clauſe in the Bill

Bill now depending before the Legiſlature, for confirming the Charter of the ſaid City, which directs, that the City Officers formerly appointed and licenſed by the Mayor ſhall henceforth be appointed by the Common Council, may not be continued in the Bill, when paſſed into a Law of this State; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill, for confirming the Charter Rights and Privileges granted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting certain Lands promiſed to be given as Bounty Lands, by Laws of this State;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Haring from the Committee, reported the Proceedings of the Committee to have been as follows, viz.

That on reading the firſt enacting Clauſe, Mr. Williams moved that the Words following, viz. *That it was not occupied and improved by any Perſon, at the Time of the paſſing of this Act, by Virtue of which the ſame was located,* be expunged. Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Negative by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Williams, Mr. Yates, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Webſter.

That Mr. Webſter moved, that after the Words *Lake George*, in the 3d enacting Clauſe, the Words *within two Miles of Fort George*, be inſerted. Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Mc. Dougall.
Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Williams,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Oothoudt,
Mr. Ward,		

That Mr. Williams then moved, that the following be inſerted in the ſaid 3d enacting Clauſe, viz. *For a certain Ore Bed lying about eight Miles North of Crown Point, adjoining Lake Champlain, commonly called Skeene's Ore Bed.* Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Duane,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Mc. Dougall.
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Schuyler,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Ward.
Mr. Swartwout,		

Mr. Haring further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, *April* 5th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Haring.
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Alliſon,	

The Bill entitled, "An Act to amend an Act, entitled, an Act for regulating Elections within this State, and repealing the 12th Clauſe therein contained," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for repairing the Court-Houſe and Gaol in Kings County," were reſpectively read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act to divide the Townſhip of Hempſtead in Queens County;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Webſter from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Townſend carry the ſaid Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for making ſuch Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church, as to render it more conformable to the Conſtitution of this State;" reported, the Proceedings of the Committee to have been as follows, viz.

That Mr. Schuyler moved, that the Preamble to the Bill, which is in the following Words, be expunged, viz.

"Whereas by Letters Patent under the great Seal of the then Colony, and now State of New-York, bearing Date the ſixth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord one Thouſand ſix Hundred and ninety-ſeven, many of the Inhabitants of the City of New-York, Members of the Church of England, were erected into a Corporation by the Name and Stile of the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New-York, of the Proteſtant Church of England, as by Law eſtabliſhed; and as ſuch were enabled to hold Property, real and perſonal, as well as to enjoy certain other Privileges in the ſaid Charter of Incorporation mentioned."

"And whereas on the twenty-ſeventh Day of June, in the Year of our Lord, one Thouſand ſeven Hundred and four, the Legiſlature of the then Colony, and now State aforeſaid, did by a Law of the ſaid Colony confirm the ſaid Charter, annexing ſundry other Privileges thereto; and Re-incorporating the Body politic aforeſaid, by the Name and Title, "Of the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New-York, in Communion of the Church of England as by Law eſtabliſhed."

"And whereas thoſe Parts of the ſaid Charter, which render neceſſary, the Induction of a Rector to the ſaid Church, by the Governor, according to ſuch Inſtructions as he ſhall from Time to Time receive from his Britannic Majeſty; and ſuch other Parts of the ſaid Charter and Law as admit and acknowledge, that Rights exiſt in the Biſhop of London, in and over the ſaid Church, are inconſiſtent with the Spirit and Letter of the Conſtitution of this State."

"And whereas certain other Parts of the ſaid Charter and Law, and of a certain other Law, paſſed the twenty-ſecond Day of September, in the Year of our Lord one Thouſand ſix Hundred and ninety-three, by the Legiſlature of the then Colony aforeſaid, entitled, "An Act for ſettling a Miniſtry and raiſing a Maintenance for them in the City of New-York, and County of Richmond, Weſt-Cheſter and Queens County," are contradictory to that equality of religious Rights, which is deſigned to be eſtabliſhed by the Conſtitution of this State," Mr. Schuyler alſo moved, that the following be Subſtituted in its ſtead, viz.

"Whereas a certain Body Corporate and Politic, ſome Time heretofore known and called by the Name and Stile, "Of the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New-York, of the Proteſtant Church of England as by Law eſtabliſhed," and at other Times, and lately and more uſually known and diſtinguiſhed by the Name and Stile, "Of the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New-York, in Communion with the Church of England as by Law eſtabliſhed," did on the nineteenth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord, one Thouſand ſeven Hundred and ſeventy-five exiſt within this State, then the Colony of New-York."

"And whereas the Legiſlature of the ſaid Colony, did on the twenty-ſeventh Day of

f June, one Thouſand ſeven Hundred and four, paſs a certain Act, entitled, "An ct for granting ſundry Privileges and Powers to the Rector and Inhabitants of the ity of New-York of the Communion of the Church of England as by Law eſtabiſhed."

"And whereas the Conſtitution of this State, hath provided againſt Non-uſer or Miſ-uſer, by Corporations prior to the Publication of the ſaid Conſtitution, and ſubequent to the ſaid nineteenth Day of April."

"And whereas the Legiſlature have deemed it expedient and juſt, to extend a roviſion againſt any Non-uſer or Miſ-uſer to the Time of the paſſing of this Act."

"And whereas this Legiſlature have deemed it improper to make any Proviſions or egulations reſpecting Corporations eſtabliſhed before the fourteenth Day of October, n the Year of our Lord, one Thouſand, ſeven Hundred and ſeventy-five, other han ſuch Proviſions and Regulations, as the Change in the Government of this State, n Conſequence of the late happy Revolution have rendered indiſpenſable, or ſuch s ſhall be prayed for by ſuch Corporations when duly organized." Debates aroſe, nd the Queſtion been put thereon, it paſſed in the Negative in Manner following, iz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Floyd, Mr. Ward, Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Duane, Mr. Haring, Mr. Finck,
Mr. Yates, Mr. Rooſevelt, Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Morris, Mr. Klock, Mr. Gaſherie.
Mr. Williams, Mr. Webſter,

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Townſend.

That upon reading the firſt recital of the Bill, Debates aroſe and the Queſtion be- g put thereon, it paſſed in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Morris, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Duane, Mr. Finck, Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Ward, Mr. Rooſevelt, Mr. Gaſherie.
Mr. Haring,

For the Negative.

Mr. Webſter, Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Klock, Mr. Townſend,
Mr. Yates, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Williams, Mr. Schuyler,

That upon reading the firſt enacting Clauſe, Mr. Mc. Dougall moved that the Words *arter and* in the 2d Line be expunged, Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put reon, it paſſed in the Negative in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Klock,
Mr. Morris, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Allifon,
Mr. Stoutenburgh, Mr. Haring, Mr. Duane,
Mr. Finck, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Ward, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gaſherie,

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Mc. Dougall.

That upon reading the ſecond enacting Clauſe on the third Page, Mr. Schuyler ved, that the Words, *which ſhall be held after Eaſter Sunday, which will be in the Year ur Lord, one Thouſand ſeven Hundred and eighty-ſix*, in the ſixth and ſeventh Lines of ſaid Clauſe be expunged.

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Negative, in nner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Morris, Mr. Ward, Mr. Haring, Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Duane, Mr. Rooſevelt, Mr. Webſter, Mr. Swartwout.
Mr. Williams, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Finck,

For

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Schuyler,
Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Klock, Mr. Gasherie,

Mr. Oothoudt further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Allison, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until four of the o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, with sundry Papers accompanying the same, were read. Thereupon

Resolved, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) That his Excellency the Governor's Message of this Day, with the Papers accompanying the same, be referred to a joint Committee of both Houses of the Legislature, and in Case of such Concurrence, that Mr. Duane, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Yates, Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Morris and Mr. Klock, be of the said Committee on the Part of this Senate.

Ordered that Mr. Schuyly carry a Copy of the preceding Resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

The Senate proceeded to the Consideration of the Amendments, (transmitted by the Honorable the House of Assembly) to the Bill, entitled, "An Act for removing Doubts which may have arisen from the late Invasions and the Disorders thereby occasioned, respecting the Charter Rights and Privileges granted to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York." Thereupon

Resolved that the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in their four first Amendments, as also in their last Amendment to the said Bill.

Resolved that this Senate do not concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in their 5th and 6th Amendments to the said Bill.

Ordered that Mr. Allison carry the said Bill with the Amendments, and Copy of the preceding Resolutions, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Stagg and Mr. Youngs, was received, with their Resolution of Concurrence with the Senate in the Resolution, to appoint a joint Committee of both Houses of the Legislature, on his Excellency the Governor's Message of this Day, and appointing of Mr. Lamb, Mr. Youngs, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Yates, Mr. Cantine, Mr. Humfrey, Mr. Van Brunt, Mr. Bancker, Mr. Haight, Mr. Russel, Mr. Sickles and Mr. Livingston, as the said Committee on the Part of that Honorable House.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Stagg and Mr. Youngs) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, an Act more effectually to prevent Robberies within this State;" which was read the first Time, and ordered to second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Stagg and Mr. Youngs, was received, with their Resolution of Concurence with the Senate, in the Resolution of the 11th Instant, to request his Excellency the Governor, to transmit the Depositions therein mentioned, to the Delegates from this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Webster, wait upon his Excellency the Governor, with the said Depositions, and a Copy of the preceding concurrent Resolutions.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday

TUESDAY MORNING, *April* 6th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,
And the same Members (except Mr. Duane) as Yesterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, an Act more effectually to prevent Robberies within this State," was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting certain Lands promised to be given as Bounty Lands, by Laws of this State," was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Allison, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for repairing the Court-House and Gaol in Kings County;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Schuyler from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Allison carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill without Amendment.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Purdy and Mr. Becker, was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act appointing his Excellency the Governor, or Person administering the Government thereof for the Time being, and the Commissioners therein designated, to superintend Indian Affairs," informing that they have passed the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Yates, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered by Mr. Justice Hobart) was received, and read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to empower the Surveyor General of this State, to procure the Maps, Papers and Records, which appertained to the Offices of Surveyor General or Receiver General of the late Colony of New-York," should become a Law of this State.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Justice Hobart) was received, and read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter the Names of the Counties of Tryon and Charlotte," should become a Law of this State.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raising £. 150,000 by Tax, within the several Counties therein mentioned; after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raising £. 150,000 by Tax, within the several Counties therein mentioned," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *April* 7th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (except Mr. Stoutenburgh and adding Mr. Duane and Mr. Ward) as Yesterday.

A Petition of Robert Van Rensselaer, and a Number of others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Districts of Kinderhook, Kings, Hills-Dale, Clavarack, Manor of Livingston and East-Camp, in the County of Albany, praying, that the said Districts may be erected into a separate County; was read, and committed to Mr. Yates, Mr. Oothoudt and Mr. Swartwout.

A Petition of Anne Tusten, Widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Tusten, of Goshen in Orange County, deceased, praying the Legislature to direct the Sale of so much of the Lands as will pay the Debts of her late Husband; was read, and committed to Mr. Yates, Mr. Oothoudt and Mr. Finck.

A Petition of Stephen Voorheis and others, Inhabitants of Kings County on Nassau Island, praying, that their Quota of Tax may be taken into Consideration, and they obtain such Relief as will be equal and just; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Consideration with the Tax Bill.

Mr. Oothoudt moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, "for the effectual Restitution of Possession of Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in this State, and for better answering the good Purposes of a certain Law of this State, entitled, "An Act for granting the more effectual Relief in Cases of certain Trespasses," passed the 17th Day of March, 1783.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Oothoudt accordingly brought in the Bill, which was read the first Time and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Haight) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for raising Troops for garrisoning the Forts on the Frontiers of this State," which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Chief Justice Morris) was received, and read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled "An Act for the immediate Sale of certain forfeited Estates," the Bill, entitled "An Act to divide the Township of Hempstead in Queens County," and the Bill entitled, "An Act for repairing the Court-House and Gaol in Kings County," should severally become Laws of this State.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered by Mr. Justice Hobart) was received and read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill entitled, "An Act to enable all the religious Denominations in this State, to appoint Trustees who shall be a Body Corporate, for the Purpose of taking Care of the Temporalities of their respective Congregations, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," the Bill entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued for the Time therein mentioned," and the Bill entitled, "An Act appointing his Excellency the Governor of this State, or Person administering the Government thereof for the Time being, and the Commissioners therein designated, to superintend Indian Affairs," should severally become Laws of this State.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Yates and Mr. Livingston) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Relief of Stephen Barnes."

Ordered, That Mr. Townsend, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

Mr.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raising £. 150,000 by Tax, within the several Counties therein mentioned," reported that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the speedy Sale of the confiscated Estates within this State," after some time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Parks from the Committee reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, April 8th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

Mr. Haring,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Roosevelt,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Parks.	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Duane.
Ma. Williams,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Schuyler,	

The Bill entitled, "An Act for raising Troops for garrisoning the Forts on the frontiers of this State," was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Peter Vroman and 87 others, Inhabitants of Schoharie in the County of Albany, praying an Exemption from Taxes; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Consideration with the Tax Bill now depending before the Senate.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, by Mr. Livingston and Mr. Storm) was received with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Officers and Soldiers Widows within this State," which was read the first time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, delivered by Mr. Justice Hobart, was received and read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the immediate Relief of Stephen Barnes," should become a Law of this State.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the speedy Sale of the confiscated Estates within this State," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Van Brunt) was received, with a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors within this State," informing, that they had passed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Resolved,

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly and inform them, that the Bill is amended accordingly.

A Petition of Thomas Hunt, of Weſtcheſter County, praying the Interpoſition of the Legiſlature, reſpecting a certain Mortgage on Lands purchaſed by him of the Commiſſioners of Forfeitures; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill, for the Sale of confiſcated Eſtates.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled an Act more effectually to prevent Robberies within this State;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Webſter from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table where it was again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Mr. Clark and Mr. Van Brunt, was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor," informing, that they have paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their ſaid Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Bill is amended accordingly.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act to lengthen the Terms of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Seſſions of the Peace, in the Counties of Weſt-Cheſter, Queens and Richmond;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Webſter from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, added two Clauſes thereto, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act to lengthen the Terms of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Seſſions of the Peace, in the Counties of Weſt-Cheſter, Queens and Richmond, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, *April* 9th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (except Mr. Duane) as Yeſterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Officers and Soldiers Widows within this State," was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Robert Ray and others, Inhabitants of the County of Albany, praying, that a Mode may be directed for the Adjuſtment and Satisfaction of the Debts due to them, from Perſons whoſe Property has been applied to public Uſes; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for the Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates.

A Petition

A Petition of Gosuinus Erkelens, as Agent for Mynheer Jacob Gerard Dircks, praying a Grant of Lands within this State; was read and committed to Mr. Morris, Mr. Rooſevelt and Mr. Yates.

A Petition of Daniel Marling of Tarry Town, in Weſt-Cheſter County, praying a Grant of Three Acres of Land and Salt Marſh, and the Water Lots adjoining thereto, now in his Poſſeſſion, and formerly held as Tenant under Frederick Philipſe, Eſq. and that he may have the ſole Privilege of keeping Stage Boats to paſs from the ſaid Landing to the City of New-York; was read and committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for the Sale of Confiſcated Eſtates.

The Bill entitled, "An Act for the more effectual Reſtitution of Poſſeſſion of Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in this State, and for better anſwering the good Purpoſes of a certain Law of this State, intitled, An Act for granting a more effectual Relief in Caſes of certain Treſpaſſes, paſſed the 17th Day of March, 1783." was read a ſecond Time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raiſing Troops for garriſoning the Forts on the Frontiers of this State;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Floyd from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Cooper and Mr. Storm) was received with a Bill for Concurrence, intitled, "An Act for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of New-York, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" which was read a firſt Time and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Cooper and Mr. Storm) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors within this State."

Ordered, That Mr. Yates carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Cooper and Mr. Storm) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen for the City and County of New-York, to raiſe Monies by Tax for the Purpoſes therein mentioned;" informing, that they have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Bill is amended accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Patterſon and Mr. Savage) was received returning the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Gaſherie carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to eſtabliſh the Reputation of the Flour of this State at Foreign Markets, and to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the Exportation thereof;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Morris from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, *April* 10th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (with Addition of Mr. Alliſon, Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Duane) as yeſterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of New-York, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," was read a ſecond Time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A Petition of Gilbert Livingſton and Peter Tappen, Eſquires, of Poughkeepſie, in Dutcheſs County, praying that that Part of Mr. Crannels Eſtate, forfeited to this State by his Attainder, and which remains unſold, may by Law be made over to them; was read and committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for the Sale of Confiſcated Eſtates.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Officers and Soldiers Widows within this State;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Sears and Mr. N. Smith) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for making ſuch Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church, as to render it more conformable to the Conſtitution of the State;" informing that they have concurred with the Senate in their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and that the Bill is amended accordingly.

The ſaid Bill having been examined,

Ordered, That Mr. Ward return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts concerning the Corporation of the Chamber of Commerce, and to confirm the Rights and Priviledges thereof;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and agreed to the ſame, which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Youngs) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to aſcertain Weights and Meaſures within this State," and the Bill entitled, "An Act authorizing the Magiſtrates within this State to take Affidavits to be uſed in the Manner therein mentioned," informing that they have paſſed the ſaid two Bills without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Alliſon carry the ſaid Bills to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Youngs) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Danger ariſing from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houſes, Stores or other Places within certain Parts of the City of New-York, or on board of Veſſels within the Harbour thereof;" informing, that they have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in the Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Bill is amended accordingly.

A Petition of Peter De Riemer, Henry Shute and Peter Webbers, ſetting forth their Title to Lands in the Out Ward of the City of New-York, and ſuppoſed to be forfeited

ited by the Attainder of James Delancy, who claimed the ſame, and thereby threat-
ed by the Commiſſioner of Forfeitures, to be diſpoſſeſt of their Poſſeſſions, and pray-
g Relief in the Premiſes; was read and committed to a Committee of the whole; to
e taken into Conſideration with the Bill for the Sale of the Confiſcated Eſtates.

A Petition of Brigadier General Gooſe Van Schaick and others, late Officers in the
ew-York Line, in Behalf of themſelves and their Brother Officers, praying a Pre-
mption in locating with their public Securities on Lands within this State; was read
d committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the
ill for the Sale of Confiſcated Eſtates.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (delivered by Mr. Juſtice
obart) was received and read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the
ouncil that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to aſcertain Weights and Meaſures within this
ate," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act authorizing Magiſtrates within this State, to
ke Affidavits to be uſed in the Manner therein mentioned," ſhould ſeverally become
aws of this State.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Cantine and Mr.
umfrey) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts concerning
e Corporation of the Chamber of Commerce, and to confirm the Rights and Privi-
dges thereof;" informing, that they do concur with the Senate in their Amendments
the ſaid Bill, and that the Bill is amended accordingly.

The ſaid Bill having been examined,

Ordered, That Mr. Webſter return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Cantine and Mr.
umfrey) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Dangers
ſing from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun-powder in Dwelling Houſes, Stores,
other Places, within certain Parts of the City of New-York, or on Board of Veſſels
thin the Harbour thereof."

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

A Petition of Edmund Wells, Samuel Hodge and John Williams, of Albany and
aſhington Counties, praying Relief as Purchaſers of a Confiſcated Eſtate, from the
ommiſſioners of Forfeitures, and not having procured a Conveyance for the ſame, for
e Reaſons therein mentioned; was read and committed to a Committee of the whole,
be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for the Sale of the Confiſcated Eſtates.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the
edy Sale of the Confiſcated Eſtates within this State;" reported that they had made
me further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit
ain.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, *April* 12th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. M'Dougall,	Mr. Allifon,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Finck,

A Petition of James Riker and others, Inhabitants of the City of New-York, pray-
that they may enjoy the Poſſeſſion of the unexpired Term of their Leaſes; was read
committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the
for the Relief of certain Tenants in the City and County of New-York.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An
for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of New-York, and for other
rpoſes therein mentioned;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed
Chair, and Mr. Williams from the Committee reported, that they had gone through

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the Bill without Amendment and agreed to the ſame, which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. L'Hommedieu carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Reſolved, (if the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That Henry Van Renſſelaer, the ſurviving Executor of Mrs. Elizabeth Richards, deceaſed, and others have Leave, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, to preſent to either Houſe of the Legiſlature at their next Meeting, a Bill to impower Truſtees, to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate of the ſaid Elizabeth Richards, and that the Petitioners previouſly cauſe a Copy of this Order to be publiſhed for the Space of Four Weeks in one of the Public News-Papers within this State.

Reſolved, That Fernandus Suydam, Elizabeth Debeavois, and John Van Der Bilt Adminiſtrators, with the Will annexed of Jacobus Debeavois, deceaſed, have Leave to preſent to either Houſe of the Legiſlature at their next Meeting, a Bill to impower the ſaid Adminiſtrators to make a Diviſion of the real Eſtate of the ſaid Jacobus Debeavois and to execute the Truſt given to the Executors in the ſaid Will named, as fully in every Reſpect, as the Executors might or could do, if they were now perſonally living, and that the ſaid Adminiſtrators previouſly cauſe a Copy of this Order to be publiſhed for the Space of Four Weeks, in one of the Public News-Papers within this State.

Reſolved, That Ann Tuſten, Widow of the late Colonel Benjamin Tuſten of Goſhen in the County of Orange, deceaſed, have Leave to preſent to either Houſe of the Legiſlature at their next Meeting, a Bill to empower the ſaid Ann Tuſten to ſell and diſpoſe of Part of the real Eſtate of the ſaid Benjamin Tuſten, for the Payment of his Debts; and that the ſaid Ann Tuſten previouſly cauſe a Copy of this Order to be publiſhed for the Space of Four Weeks in one of the Public News-Papers within this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolutions to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Hopkins) was received with two Bills for Concurrence, viz. the Bill, entitled, "An Act to impoſe a Duty of Tonnage on ſuch Britiſh Ships or other Veſſels, as ſhall come into any of the Ports of this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act declaring certain Deſcriptions of Perſons without the Protection of the Laws of this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," which were reſpectively read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Hopkins) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to lengthen the Terms of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Seſſions of the Peace in the Counties of Weſt-Cheſter, Queen's and Richmond, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," informing, that they have concurred with the Senate in their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and that the Bill is amended accordingly.

The Bill being examined,

Ordered, That Mr. Klock return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the ſpeedy Sale of the Confiſcated Eſtates within this State," reported that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Memorial of Gen. John Lamb, praying that the Commiſſioners of Forfeitures may be authorized to grant him a Conveyance for Lands located by him, called Oriſkany Patent, in Tryon County; was read and committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for the Sale of the Confiſcated Eſtates.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor of this Day, with sundry Papers accompanying the same, were read. Thereupon

Resolved, (if the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) that a Joint Committee of both Houses of the Legislature be appointed, to take into Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Message of this Day, and the Papers accompanying the same, and to report thereon without Delay: And in Case of such Concurrence, that Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Duane, Mr. M'Dougall, Mr. Floyd and Mr. L'Hommedieu, be of the said Committee on the Part of the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. L'Hommedieu carry a Copy of the preceding Resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Parks) was received, with a Resolution of Concurrence with the Senate in their Resolution of this Day, that a Joint Committee of both Houses of the Legislature be appointed; and that Mr. R. Harpur, Mr. Adgate, Mr. Bancker, Mr. Malcom and Mr. W. Harpur be of the said Committee, on the Part of that Honorable House.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act for the speedy Sale of the confiscated Estates within this State," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, *April* 13th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

And the same Members (with Addition of Mr. Morris) as Yesterday.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to impose a Duty of Tonnage on such British Ships or other Vessels, as shall come into any of the Ports of this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" and the Bill, entitled, "An Act declaring certain Descriptions of Persons without the Protection of the Laws of this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," were respectively read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered to the Honorable the House of Assembly by Mr. Chancellor Livingston) was received and read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, an Act more effectually to prevent Robberies within this State," should become a Law of this State.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor was received and read in the Words following, viz.

"GENTLEMEN,

"I have the Honor to lay before you for your Information, a Letter from his Excellency the Governor of the State of Massachusetts, together with an Act of the Legislature of that Commonwealth, appointing Commissioners to ascertain the Boundary Line between the two States.

New-York, April 12th, 1784. GEORGE CLINTON."

The Letter and Act referred to in his Excellency's said Message, were also read and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Haring, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Lamb, reported, That in the Opinion of the Committee, a Clause should be inserted in the Bill now before the Senate, for the Sale of the forfeited Estates; prohibiting the Sale of that Part of the Estate, late of the said James Lamb, as now is undisposed of, until the Legislature shall make further Provision in the Premises.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report with the Petition, be committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into conſideration with the Bill for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Paris) was received, with a Reſolution of their Concurrence with the Senate in their three ſeveral Reſolutions of Yeſterday, on the Petitions of Henry Van Renſſelaer, Fernandus Suydam and Ann Tuſten.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (delivered by Mr. Chief Juſtice Morris) was received and read, purporting, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Danger ariſing from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling-houſes, Stores or other Places within certain Parts of the City of New-York, or on Board of Veſſels within the Harbour thereof;" ſhould become a Law of this State.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates within this State;" reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition of Thomas Outwater, formerly of Orange-Town, and now of the City of New-York, ſetting forth that he fell in the Hands of the Enemy, and was brought Priſoner to New-York in 1778, ſince which an Indictment is found againſt him, and Judgment paſſed on the ſame, and praying Relief in the Premiſes; was read, and committed to Mr. Morris, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Oothoudt.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Humfrey) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor."

Ordered, That Mr. Morris carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates within this State;" reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *April* 14th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

A Petition of Doctor William Adams, of the City of New-York, (ſetting forth his having ſupplied the two Independent Regiments of the City with Medicines, and his Loſſes on the Evacuation of the City, by the Ravages of the Enemy) praying Relief in the Premiſes; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Petition of Henry Remſen and others, Merchants of New-York.

Mr. Floyd from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raiſing Troops for garriſoning the Forts on the Frontiers of this State," reported the Proceedings of the Committee, to have been as follows, viz.

That on reading the firſt enacting Clauſe, Mr. Mc. Dougall moved that three Companies be raiſed by the ſaid Bill. Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Yates and Mr. Haring.

That

That they had gone through the Bill, made Amendments, added ſeveral Clauſes ereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered e Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and reed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſmbly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments erewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, delivered to the Honorle the Houſe of Aſſembly by Mr. Juſtice Hobart, was received and read, That it es not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to lengthen e Terms of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Seſſions of the eace, in the Counties of Weſtcheſter, Queens and Richmond, and for other Purpoſes erein mentioned," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to remove Doubts concerning e Corporation of the Chamber of Commerce, and to confirm the Rights and Priviges thereof," ſhould ſeverally become Laws of this State.

Whereas a Number of Fire Arms with Bayonets and Accoutrements, belonging to e Corporation of the City of New-York, were taken and appropriated to arm the oops raiſed in this State for the Army of the United States;

And whereas, It is deemed neceſſary, that the ſaid Arms ſhould be reſtored to the d Corporation.

Reſolved therefore (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That s Excellency the Governor be requeſted to aſcertain the Number of Arms and the ccoutrements ſo taken, and to make Application to the United States in Congreſs embled, for an Order to have a like Number with like Accoutrements delivered t of any of the Continental Magazines in this State, to his ſaid Excellency, or his der.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Horable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, *April* 15th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Yates,
Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Oothoudt,
Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Stoutenburgh.
Mr. Mc. Dougall,			

Mr. Rooſevelt moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the bringing in and eading of infectious Diſtempers in this State.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Rooſevelt accordingly brought in the Bill, which was read the firſt Time, and ered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. R. Harpur and . Bruſh) was received, with a Reſolution of Concurrence with the Senate in their olution of Yeſterday to requeſt his Excellency the Governor, to make Application the United States in Congreſs, to order a Number of Fire Arms to be delivered his Excellency, or his Order.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout and Mr. Alliſon, wait upon his Excellency the Gonor, with a Copy of the preceding concurrent Reſolutions. *Ordered*,

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout and Mr. Alliſon, wait upon his Excellency the G vernor, with a Copy of the concurrent Reſolutions of the 30th and 31ſt March la on the Recommendation of Congreſs on the Definitive Articles of Peace, and requ him to tranſmit the ſame to Congreſs.

A Petition of Thomas Randall and others, Proprietors of Part of the Grou lying between Beaver and Dock Streets, praying a Law for the Appointment of Co miſſioners to lay out the ſaid Ground on a new Plan; was read, and committed to M Schuyler, Mr. Duane and Mr. Rooſevelt.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Van Zandt a Mr. Becker) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for t Relief of Elizabeth Bend and Grove Bend and their Creditors," which was read t firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitle "An Act for the Relief of Officers and Soldiers Widows within this State; aft ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams fro the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, added a Clauſe there and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act for the Relief of W dows and Orphans of Officers and Soldiers of the Line of this State, and of the Mi tia thereof;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with t Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſe bly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill with the Amendme therewith delivered.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitle "An Act for eſtabliſhing an Univerſity within this State; after ſome Time ſpe thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams from the Commit reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate Adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock. P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Schoonmaker a Mr. Schuyler) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act amend an Act, entitled, An Act for Relief againſt abſconding and abſent Debto and to extend the Remedy of the Act, entitled, an Act for granting a more effect Relief, in Caſes of certain Treſpaſſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentione which was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An A for eſtabliſhing a Univerſity within this State," reported, that they had made fo further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit agai

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Gilbert and M Hopkins) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to eſtabliſh the Rates Wharfage and Cranage within the City of New-York, and for other Purpoſes the in mentioned," informing, that they had concurred with the Senate in their Amen ments to the ſaid Bill, and had amended the Bill accordingly.

The ſaid Bill being examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Parks return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembl

Mr. Schuyler from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Tho Randall and others, Proprietors of Part of the Ground lying between Beaver Dock-Streets, reported, that it was the Opinion of the Committee, that a Bill ſho be brought in agreeable to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

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Mr. Schuyler according to Order brought in a Bill, "to appoint Commissioners ſettle and adjuſt any Differences which may ariſe between the Proprietors of certain ots in the City of New-York, the Buildings whereof were burnt in the Year 1776, d for altering the Streets, which heretofore were laid out adjoining to ſuch Lots;" ich was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Gilbert and Mr. opkins) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Widows d Orphans of Officers and Soldiers of the Line of this State, and of the Militia ereof," informing, that they had concurred with the Senate in their Amendments the Bill, and have amended the Bill accordingly.

The Bill having been examined,

Ordered, That Mr. Parks return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 oClock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, *April* 16th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to prevent the bringing in and ſpreading of infectious ſtempers in this State," the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth nd and Grove Bend, and their Creditors," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to end an Act, entitled, an Act for Relief againſt abſconding and abſent Debtors, d to extend the Remedy of the Act, entitled, an Act for granting a more effectual elief in Caſes of certain Treſpaſſes; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," re reſpectively read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Peter Zeille, and a Number of others, Inhabitants of Schoharie in bany County, ſetting forth their great Loſſes and Diſtreſs, by Reaſon of the great eſhets and heavy Rains, deſtroying great Parts of their Farms, and praying an Exption from Taxes; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act r eſtabliſhing an Univerſity within this State," reported the Proceedings of the Comttee to have been as follows, viz.

That upon coming to that Part of the Bill which provides an annual Revenue of ty Thouſand Buſhel of Wheat for the Univerſity, Mr. Yates moved, that the ords *forty Thouſand Buſhel of Wheat* be expunged, and a Sum of Money inſerted in Stead. Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Netive in the Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Oothoudt,

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Parks.

That Mr. Yates then moved, that the Committee would riſe and report it as their pinion, that the Bill be poſtponed till the next Meeting of the Legiſlature; and at the Draft of the Bill be publiſhed for ſix Weeks in the public News-papers in is State. Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Netive in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Duane,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Schuyler.
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Floyd,	

For the Affirmative.
Mr. Klock, Mr. Yates.

Mr. Williams further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments and altered the Title, in the Words following, viz. "An Act for granting certain Privileges to the College heretofore called Kings College, for altering the Name and Charter thereof, and erecting an Univerſity within this State;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act declaring certain Deſcriptions of Perſons, without the Protection of the Laws of this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate Adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock. P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, (delivered to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly by Mr. Juſtice Hobart) was received and read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of New-York, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," ſhould become a Law of this State.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Malcom and Mr. Sears) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for emitting the Sum of £. 150,000 in Bills of Credit, to be put out on Loan, and to appropriate the Intereſt to ariſe thereon, to the Payment of the Debts of this State, and to ſupply public Exigencies as the Circumſtances of this State, may from Time to Time render neceſſary;" which was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Malcom and Mr. Sears) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Inns and Taverns and Retailers of ſtrong and ſpiritous Liquors in the City and County of New-York," informing that they had paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, one of which Amendments being in the Title, the amended Title is in the Words following, viz. "An Act for the Appointment of a Commiſſioner of Exciſe in the City and County of New-York, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. Finck carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly and inform them, that the Bill is amended accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY, MORNING, *April 17th*, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

A Memorial of Edward Covenhoven, of Tarry-Town in the County of Weſtchester, ſetting forth his having a Water Lott from Frederick Philipſe, Eſquire, at the Landing at Tarry-Town, which is ſituated within the Limits petitioned for by Daniel Martling; praying, that the ſaid Petition be not granted; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration, with the Petition of the ſaid Daniel Martling.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for emitting the Sum of £. 150,000 in Bills of Credit, to put out on Loan, and to appropriate the Interest to arise thereon to the Payment of the Debts of this State, and to such public Exigencies as the Circumstances of this State may from Time to Time render necessary;" was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a Number of Indians, respecting Lands occupied by them before the War, reported, that the Petitioners set forth, that they have for many Years before the War been in Possession of the Tract known by the Name of Oriskee, and were in the Course of the late War expelled from the same, and therefore pray, that the Legislature will grant them Permission to repossess and enjoy the said Tract as heretofore.

That your Committee have examined the Records of the State, and find, that the said Tract called Oriskee, by Letters patent, Dated the 18th Day of April, 1705; was granted to Thomas Wenham, Thomas Clarke, Peter Schuyler, Peter Faucolier and Roger Mompesson in fee simple: And that your Committee have reason to believe, that his Excellency William Livingston, Esquire, Governor of New-Jersey, and others now claim the same under the said Letters patent.

That your Committee therefore are of Opinion, that it will be improper for the Legislature to interpose with respect to the said Lands, all Controversies respecting the same being properly and only cognizable in the Courts of Judicature; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the same in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Sickles) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act to raise the Sum of one Hundred Pounds on the Lands therein mentioned, for clearing and opening the Creek commonly called Black Meadow Creek, in the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County," which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Sickles) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Appointment of a Commissioner of Excise in the City and County of New-York, and other Purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. Ward carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Smith and Mr. Nicholson) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act for settling a Ministry, and raising a Maintenance for them in the City of New-York, County of Richmond, Westchester and Queens County, and also the several other Acts therein mentioned," informing, that they had passed the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Ward carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered by Mr. Chief Justice Morris) was received, and read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors within this State," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor," should severally become Laws of this State.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act for the speedy Sale of the confiscated Estates within this State," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, *April* 19th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President,

Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Roosevelt,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Duane.
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. L'Hommedieu.

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The Bill, entitled, "An Act to raiſe the Sum of one Hundred Pounds on the Lands therein mentioned, for clearing and opening the Creek commonly called Black Meadow Creek, in the Precinct of Goſhen in Orange County;" was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled "An Act for granting certain Privileges to the College heretofore called Kings College, for altering the Name and Charter thereof, and erecting an Univerſity within this State," was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence.

A Petition of Ann White, Widow and Relict of Thomas White of the City of New-York, deceaſed, praying a Grant of that Part of her late Huſband's Eſtate, called the Vineyard, for the Sum therein mentioned, and a Petition of Eleanor Blaau, ſetting forth the great Diſtreſs her Family is reduced to, by the Attainder of her late Huſband Waldron Blaau, deceaſed, and praying Relief in the Premiſes; were reſpectively read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration, with the Bill for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates.

A Petition of Herman Hoffman and others, of Rhinebeck Precinct in Dutcheſs County, praying an Emiſſion of Paper Currency, was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration, with the Bill for emitting Bills of Credit within this State.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (delivered to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly by Mr. Juſtice Hobart) was received, and read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for making ſuch Alterations in the Charter of the Corporation of Trinity Church, as to render it more conformable to the Conſtitution of the State," the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Officers and Soldiers of the Line of this State, and of the Militia thereof," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to eſtabliſh the Rates of Wharfage and Cranage within the City of New-York," ſhould ſeverally become Laws of this State.

A Petition of Stephen Van Renſſelaer, a Minor, under the Age of twenty-one, in Behalf of himſelf and the other Children of Stephen Van Renſſelaer, Eſquire, deceaſed, ſetting forth the Embarraſſments of the Manor of Renſſelaerwyck, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill by his Guardians, at the next Meeting of the Legiſlature for veſting the Executors of the Eſtate of his ſaid Father together with ſuch Guardians, with full Powers and Authorities neceſſary to ſettle the ſaid Eſtate, was read.

Thereupon *Reſolved*, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That Stephen Van Renſſelaer have Leave to bring into either Houſe of the Legiſlature, the Bill prayed for by him, having previouſly publiſhed the Subſtance of his Petition and a Copy of this Reſolution, ſix Weeks in at leaſt two of the News-Papers printed in this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck, carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. Morris from the Committee appointed to take into Conſideration, the Services of Mr. Thomas Paine, reported,

That the Committee think it unneceſſary, to enter into a minute Detail of the particular Services rendered by Mr. Paine to the United States, they are too Manifeſt to need any Illuſtration..

His literary Works, and thoſe eſpecially under the Signature of *Common Senſe*, and the *Criſis*, inſpired the Citizens of this State with Unanimity, confirmed their Confidence in their Rectitude of the Cauſe, and have ultimately contributed to the Freedom, Sovereignty and Independence of the United States.

That it is now above eight Years ſince Mr. Paine firſt voluntarily engaged in the Cauſe of this Country, and that during the whole of this Period, he has entirely and ſucceſsfully devoted his Time and Abilities, to promote the public Good.

That the Committee find, that for theſe important Services Mr. Paine has not received a Compenſation or Requital, your Committee therefore moſt earneſtly recommend Mr. Paine to the Conſideration of the Senate, and propoſe that a Gift

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ee ſimple, be made to him of Lands the Property of this State, to the Value of as a Teſtimonial of their Senſe of his great Merit, and their Deſire to enable n to continue independently his Services to the Cauſe of this Country; which Re- rt he read in his Place, and delivered the ſame in at the Table, where the ſame was ain read, and agreed to. Thereupon

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be ken into Conſideration with the Bill for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates.

A Meſſage from his Excellency the Governor, was received and read in the Words llowing, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"I HAVE the Honor to lay before you for your Information, a Letter I have is Day received from the Delegates of this State in Congreſs.

GEO. CLINTON."

New-York, 19*th*, *April*, 1784.

The Letter from the Delegates of this State, referred to in his Excellency the overnor's Meſſage, was alſo read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Bancker and Mr. ris) was received, with the following Bills for Concurrence, viz. The Bill enti- d, "An Act to aſcertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Aſhes," the Bill entitled, An Act concerning the Circuit Courts," and the Bill entitled, "An Act for the lief of Henry Ludinton," which were reſpectively read a firſt Time, and ordered econd Reading.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to appoint Commiſſioners to ſettle and adjuſt any fferences which may ariſe between the Proprietors of certain Lands in the City of w-York, the Buildings whereof were burnt in the Year 1776, and for altering Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining to ſuch Lots;" was read a ſe- d Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Then the Senate adjourned until four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Malcom and Mr. rk) was received with the following Reſolution for Concurrence, viz.

Whereas, It hath been repreſented to this Houſe, that William Sheffield, Maſter the Sloop Delight, hath unladed certain Articles from on Board the ſaid Sloop, hout having previouſly made an Entry at the Cuſtom Houſe of the Port of New- rk agreeable to Law.

And whereas In the Opinion of this Houſe, there was not any Deſign to defraud State of the Duties, but that the Tranſaction happened through Inadvertence or take of the ſaid Maſter. Therefore

Reſolved (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) that the Collector of the t of New-York, be and he hereby is authoriſed and directed to reſtore the Proper- nladed from on Board the ſaid Sloop Delight, to the Maſter of the ſaid Veſſel, or prietor of the ſaid Goods, ſo ſeized, ſo far as the Rights of the State are therein cerned, and without interfering with thoſe which may have been acquired by any ividual under the Laws of the State; and that the Legiſlature will by Law, in- nify the Collector aforeſaid, for reſtoring the ſaid Property.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in preceding Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Webſter carry a Copy of the ſaid Reſolution of Concurrence, he Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act for the dy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates within this State;" reported, that they had made further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit

 Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Sears and Mr. N Smith) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for for the Settlement of th Pay of the Levies and Militia for their Services in the late War," informing tha they had paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly i their ſaid Amendments; one of which being in the Title, the ſame is in the Word following, viz. "An Act for the Settlement of the Pay of the Levies and Militia fo their Services in the late War, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. Klock carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly and inform them that the Bill is amended accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Livingſton an Mr. J. Smith) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Settle ment of the Accounts of the United States within this State," informing, that the had paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembl in their ſaid Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Klock carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly and inform them that the Bill is amended accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, *April* 20th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident,

And the ſame Members (with Addition of Mr. Stoutenburgh) as Yeſterday.

A Petition of Meſſrs. Hughes and Franklin praying the Legiſlature to take int Conſideration the Duty laid on Loaf Sugar, whether the ſame is extended to Amer canManufacture; was read and committed to Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Yates and M Schuyler.

A Petition of David Bevier and a Number of others, praying for a Compenſatio for the extra Services of Silas Bowker and William Roſe, as Pilots or Guides on t Frontiers of Ulſter County; was read, and committed to Mr. Gaſherie, Mr. M Dougall and Mr. Allifon.

The Bill entitled, "An Act to aſcertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Aſhes," t Bill entitled, "An Act concerning the Circuit Courts," and the Bill, entitled, "A Act for the Relief of Henry Ludinton," were reſpectively read the ſecond Time, a committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Robert Watts, and John Watts, junior, praying the preemption purchaſing two certain Eſtates, forfeited to the People of this State, by the Attai der of their Father John Watts, Eſquire, for the reſpective Sums therein mentione was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſide tion with the Bill for the Sale of confiſcated Eſtates.

A Petition of Gilbert Purdy, of Newburgh in Ulſter County, praying that the L giſlature would reſtore him to the Poſſeſſion of a ſmall Farm and certain Teneme forfeited by the Attainder of his Father Gilbert Purdy, deceaſed, was read, and co mitted to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration, with the for the Sale of confiſcated Eſtates.

Mr. Parks from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated Eſtates within this State;" reported the Proce ings of the Committee to have been as follows, viz.

That upon coming to the Clauſe in the Bill which enumerates the different Se rities to be receivable for the confiſcated or forfeited Eſtates, Mr. Mc. Dougall mo that the Certificates granted by John Pierce, Eſquire Pay-Maſter-General to the U ted States, to the Line of this State, or to ſuch who by Acts of Congreſs are conſi dered as of the Line of this State, or to ſuch whoſe Depreciation has been or ſhall mad

made good by this State, or to the Citizens of this State being of the Militia and in the Service of this State, or of the United States, at the Time of their having been made Prisoners, for the Time of their remaining in Captivity, be also included with the said Securities. Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Schuyler.
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Townsend,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Yates,			

That Mr. Schuyler moved that a Clause be inserted in the Bill, to direct the Sale of so much of the forfeited Lands in the Southern District, Mortgaged for the Redemption of the Bills of Credit, called the New Emission, as will amount to the Sum in Circulation of the said Bills, and that such Bills, and Gold or Silver only, be received in Payment for such Redemption.

Debates arose and the Question being put thereon; it was carried in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Gasherie,
Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Oothoudt.
Mr. Townsend,			

For the Negative.

Mr. Ward,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,

That Mr. L'Hommedieu moved that a Clause be inserted in the Bill, to entitle the Holders of Certificates of Depreciation, to locate for sixty Days next after the passing of this Act, upon Appraisement in the Manner directed by the Act passed on the 4th Day of October, 1780.

Debates arose and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Mc. Dougall.	Mr. Morris,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Oothoudt,
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Roosevelt,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Whiting,

That Mr. Morris moved that a Clause be inserted in the Bill to authorise the Commissioners of Forfeitures in the Southern District, in Consideration of the eminent Services rendered to the United States of America, in the Progress of the late War by Thomas Paine, Esquire, and as a Testimony of the Sense which the People of this State entertain of his distinguished Merit, to convey to the said Thomas Paine, Esquire, the Farm of Frederick Devoe in Westchester County. Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Webster,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. L'Hommedieu.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Townsend,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Klock.

That

That Mr. Duane moved, that a Clauſe be inſerted in the Bill to authoriſe the Commiſſioner of Forfeitures for the Southern Diſtrict, to releaſe and quit claim unto Anna White, a certain Lot or Lots of Ground, in the North Ward of the City of New-York, including the Garden called the Vineyard, ſhe paying therefor to the ſaid Commiſſioner for the Uſe of the State, the Sum of three Thouſand Pounds. Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Duane,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Alliſon,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Webſter,
Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Morris,			

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Oothoudt.

That Mr. Duane farther moved, that a Clauſe be inſerted in the Bill to authoriſe the Commiſſioner of Forfeitures for the Southern Diſtrict, to grant to Robert Watts and John Watts, jun. the Pre-emption to purchaſe a certain Lot of Ground in Dock-Street, whereon their Father John Watts, Eſq; formerly lived, and the Farm lately occupied by the ſaid John Watts, Eſq; and forfeited by his Attainder, they paying to the ſaid Commiſſioner, ſuch Sums as ſhall be agreed upon between them and the ſaid Commiſſioner. Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. L'Hommedieu.
Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Duane,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Oothoudt,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Williams.

Mr. Parks further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated and forfeited Eſtates within this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned until four o,Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (by Mr. Chief Juſtice Morris) was received and read, That it does not appear improper to the Council that the Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act for ſettling the Miniſtry and raiſing a Maintenance for them in the City of New-York, County of Richmond, Weſtcheſter and Queens County, and alſo the ſeveral Acts therein mentioned," and the Bill entitled, "An Act for the Appointment of a Commiſſioner of Exciſe in the City and County of New-York, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned," ſhould ſeverally become Laws of this State.

Mr. Gaſherie from the Committee of the Whole, on his Excellency the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, reported, that it was the Opinion of the Committee that the Legiſlature ſhould reſolve as follows, viz.

Whereas in conformity to the 4th Section of the ſixth Article of the Confederation and perpetual Union of theſe States, the Legiſlature of this State, did on the 27th Day of March, 1783, declare and reſolve as follows, viz.

"Whereas

"Whereas upon the Concluſion of a general Peace, between the ſeveral billigerent Powers in Europe and theſe United States, the Poſts at preſent occupied by the Britiſh Troops in the Northern and Weſtern Parts of this State will be evacuated by them, and may be ſeized by Savages inimical to theſe United States; whereby the Inhabitants of the Frontiers may be expoſed to great Danger and Diſtreſs.

"And whereas by the ſixth Article of the Confederation and perpetual Union between the United States of America: It is declared that no Body of Forces ſhall be kept up by any State in Time of Peace, except ſuch Number only as in the Judgment of the United States in Congreſs aſſembled ſhall be deemed requiſite to garriſon the Forts neceſſary for the Defence of ſuch State.

"*Reſolved therefore*, That the Delegates of this State in Congreſs be, and they are hereby inſtructed to repreſent to the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, that this State deem it eſſentially neceſſary to make Proviſion to garriſon the ſaid Poſts, immediately on the Evacuation thereof by the Britiſh Troops: That therefore the ſaid Delegates requeſt the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, to declare the Number of Troops which they may deem neceſſary for ſuch Garriſons: The ſaid Delegates at the ſame Time informing the ſaid United States, that it is the Opinion of this Legiſlature, that a Body of Troops not exceeding five Hundred Rank and File, properly officered, would be adequate for the Purpoſe aforeſaid;" which Requeſt was accordingly made by the ſaid Delegates.

And whereas it is a manifeſtly juſt Conſtruction of the ſaid Section and Article, that when the Sovereignty of any State ſhall deem it neceſſary in Time of Peace, to garriſon Poſts for its Defence, the Troops are to be raiſed by, and at the Expence of ſuch State, and that the *Number only* is to be determined by the Judgment of the United States in Congreſs aſſembled.

Reſolved therefore, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That the Application aforeſaid was, and is conſtitutional and reaſonable, and that the Legiſlature of this State had, and have a Right to a Deciſion thereupon.—That it appears by Diſpatches from the Delegates of this State, that no ſuch Deciſion was made on the 9th Day of this preſent Month.

That the Proceedings of this Legiſlature have already been greatly embarraſſed, for want of ſuch Deciſion, and as it is uncertain when the ſaid United States will decide on the ſaid Requeſt, and any further Delay in proſecuting Meaſures for the Preſervation of the Fortreſſes on the Frontiers of this State, and the Protection of its Citizens will be highly detrimental to this State.

Reſolved therefore further, That the Delegates from this State be inſtructed to inform Congreſs, that this Legiſlature cannot, conſiſtent with the public Safety, any longer delay Meaſures for raiſing a Body of Troops for the Purpoſe aforeſaid: That ſuch Number will not exceed that ſtated in the ſaid recited Reſolution, as in the Opinion of the Legiſlature adequate to the Purpoſe: That the ſaid Delegates do without Delay, preſs upon the ſaid United States in Congreſs aſſembled, the juſt Right of this State to the Determination aforeſaid, and intreat that it may be given without further Delay.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (by Mr. Chief Juſtice Morris) was received and read, that the Council do object againſt the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City and County of New-York, to raiſe Monies by Tax for the Purpoſes therein mentioned," becoming a Law of this State;

"Becauſe the Council conceive that Life, perſonal Liberty and Property are the Bleſſings which Governments were framed to preſerve and protect—That the two firſt are in little Danger under the moſt deſpotic Rulers, while the laſt, which holds out a continual Temptation to the Repacity of Governors, is only ſecured even in free States by the moſt vigilant Attention.

"That our happy Conſtitution has not been unmindful of proper Guards for the Security of this eſſential Right. If the Legiſlature frame the Laws under which the Taxes are levied—If the Aſſeſſors apportion them according to the known and ſtated

Rules, being in this mere executive Officers, they may be punished by the Judicial, for a Violation of their Duty; and thus the Legislative, Executive and Judicial being kept distinct, each serves to check the other, and protect the Property of the Citizen. That the Bill under Consideration removes all these Checks, when it directs that the Sums to be raised "be rated and assessed by the Vestrymen, according to the Estates *and other Circumstances and Abilities* to pay Taxes, of each respective Person collectively considered." That Property being the Measure of Taxation, to depart from this Rule, and to substitue an imaginary one, which only exists in the Opinion of the Assessors, is at once to vest him with legislative and executive Powers, and to take off the Controul of the Judicial, since where no Law is, there can be no Transgression.

"If the Assessors are of the richer Class of Citizens, they will overburden the Poor, if chosen from among the Poor, they will endeavour to oppress the Rich—Thus the first Effect of this Mode of Taxation, will be Parties and Dissentions among the different Classes of Citizens, whom mutual Interest and the Policy of Government, should bind together—Party Spirit will make this Law the Engine of Oppression, and the Avarice and Resentment of those who prevail at Elections, becoming the Law of the Land, may be as fatal to free Citizens, as the Repacity of the most despotic Tyrant—That these Objections have peculiar Weight, when applied to a commercial City, where selfish Views may stimulate Assessors to oppress their Rivals in Trade, and destroy that Security which makes the Basis of Commerce.

"That tho' pressing Emergencies and public Dangers may in some Circumstances, have paliated this Mode of Taxation, nothing can justify it in a Time of profound Peace, when regular Systems should be adopted, more especially when the Objects for which the Tax is to be collected, are not of sufficient Magnitude to excuse the Introduction of such an uncontrouled Power as this vests in the Vestrymen."

After some Time spent in reconsidering the said Bill, the President put the Question, whether the Bill, notwithstanding the said Objections, should become a Law of this State; and it passed in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Klock,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Allison,
Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Oothoudt.
Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Morris,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Schuyler.

Thereupon *Resolved*, That the said Bill, notwithstanding the Objections of the Council of Revision to the same, be a Law of this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh carry the Bill, with the said Objections of the Council of Revision, and a Copy of the preceding Resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raising 150,000l. by Tax within the several Counties therein mentioned," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *April* 21st, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President;

And the same Members as Yesterday.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committe of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raising 150,000l. by Tax, within the several Counties therein mentioned," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of certain Tenants in the City and County of New-York;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Morris from the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given acccordingly.

A Memorial of John Broome, and others, Merchants of the City of New-York, setting forth their being inhibited by certain Resolutions of Congress, previous to the Declaration of Independence, from making the necessary Remittances in Order to discharge their Debts, whereby they are become great Sufferers by an Increase of those Debts, and praying the Interposition of the Legislature; was read.

Thereupon *Ordered*, That the said Memorial, together with the Petition of Henry Remsen and others, of the 13th February last, be committed to Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Duane, Mr. L'Hommedieu and Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act declaring certain Descriptions of Persons without the Protection of the Laws of this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill without Amendment.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the Circuit Courts;" after some Time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made Amendments, and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to impose a Duty of Tonnage on such British Ships or other Vessels as shall come into any of the Ports of this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" after some Time spent thereon the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments thereto, altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act to authorise the Congress of the United States, to adopt certain Regulations respecting the British Trade, and agreed to the same; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

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The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth Bend and Grove Bend, and their Creditors;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Duane from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, April 22d, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Rooſevelt
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Gaſherie.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act to raiſe the Sum of one Hundred Pounds on the Lands therein mentioned for clearing and opening the Creek commonly called Black-Meadow Creek, in the Precinct of Goſhen in Orange County;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Schuyler from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated and forfeited Eſtates within this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act to prevent the bringing in, and ſpreading of infectious Diſtempers in this State;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. L'Hommedieu from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Meſſieurs Hughes and Franklin, reported, that in the Opinion of the Committee it will be improper for the Legiſlature to give any Opinion upon the Law referred to in the ſaid Petition; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the ſame in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

A Meſſage from the Hon. the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Young was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to reſtrain the feeding and burning of Graſs, and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Iſlands therein mentioned" informing that they had paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered,

Ordered, that Mr. L'Hommedieu carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſ-embly, and inform them that the Bill is amended accordingly.

Mr. Morris from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of certain Tenants in the City and County of New-York," reported, hat they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to ove for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Van Brunt and Mr. Ruſſel) was received with the following Reſolution for Concurrence, viz.

"*In Aſſembly, March 26th*, 1784.

"*Reſolved*, That Squire Fauncher, late a Private in the Militia of this State, con-ormable to the Acts of Congreſs and the Laws of this State, hath produced the Cer-ificates neceſſary and fully ſufficient to enable him to receive one Half of the month-y Pay allowed to a Soldier, from the Time of his having been wounded when in the ublic Service oppoſing the Britiſh Forces during the late War; and that the Audi-or for this State, in auditing the Accounts of the ſaid Squire Fauncher, be directed o allow him one Half of the monthly Pay, which was allowed to a Soldier from he Time of his having been wounded in the Service of his Country, and thereby endered unable to acquire a Subſiſtance, on his producing to the Auditor, a Certi-cate from his commanding Officer of the Time of his being ſo wounded."

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, their preceding Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams, carry a Copy of the preceding concurrent Reſolu-on to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Petitions of ſeveral ounded Soldiers, with the ſeveral Certificates accompanying the ſaid Petitions; re-orted, that it was the Opinion of the Committee, that the Prayers of the ſaid Peti-oners be granted; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the ſame in at e Table, where they were again read and agreed to by the Senate. Thereupon

Reſolved, That Alexander Telford of Captain William Telford's Company, of Co-nel Mc. Claughry's Regiment of Ulſter County Militia, conformable to the Acts Congreſs and the Laws of this State, hath produced the Certificates neceſſary and lly ſufficient to enable him to receive one Half of the monthly Pay allowed to a oldier, from the Time of his having been wounded when in the public Service op-oſing the Britiſh Forces during the late War: And that the Auditor of this State auditing the Accounts of the ſaid Alexander Telford, be directed to allow him the e Half of the monthly Pay, which was allowed to a Soldier from the Time of his aving been wounded in the Service of his Country, and thereby rendered unable to quire a Subſiſtance, on his producing to the Auditor ſuch Certificates as by the cts of Congreſs and Laws of this State are required.

Reſolved, That James Reeves, junior, a Private in Captain John Little's Compa-, in Colonel Alliſon's Regiment of Militia in Orange County, conformable to the cts of Congreſs and the Laws of this State, hath produced the Certificates neceſſa-and fully ſufficient to enable him to receive a partial Support, for the Time he as diſabled to gain a Livelihood, by his having been wounded when in the public rvice, immediately under the Command of Colonel John Hathorn, oppoſing the itiſh Forces during the late War: And that the Auditor for this State in auditing e Account of the ſaid James Reeves, junior, be directed to allow him the Sum of l. for the Time he was rendered unable to acquire a Subſiſtance, on his produc-g to the Auditor ſuch Certificates as by the Acts of Congreſs and the Laws of this te are required.

Reſolved, That Michael Myers, a Private in Colonel Fiſher's Regiment, of Mont-mery County Militia, conformable to the Acts of Congreſs and the Laws of this ate, hath produced the Certificates neceſſary and fully ſufficient to enable him to ceive a partial Support, for the Time he was diſabled to gain a Livelihood, by his ving been wounded when in the public Service, oppoſing the Britiſh Forces dur-g the late War: And that the Auditor for this State in auditing the Account of the

ſaid Michael Myers, be directed to allow him the Sum of 12l.—8s. for the Time he was rendered unable to acquire a Subſiſtance, on his producing to the Auditor ſuch Certificates as by the Acts of Congreſs and the Laws of this State are required.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry Copies of the preceding Reſolutions to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, for Concurrence.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act to amend an Act entitled, an Act for Relief againſt abſconding and abſent Debtors, and to extend the Remedy of the Act entitled, an Act for granting a more effectual Relief in Caſes of certain Treſpaſſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Williams from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Cantine and Mr. Ruſſel) was received with the Bill entitled, "An Act concerning the Circuit Courts," informing that they had concurred with the Senate in their Amendments to the Bill, and had amended the Bill accordingly.

The ſaid Bill being examined,

Ordered, That Mr. Parks return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Cantine and Mr. Ruſſel) was received with the Bill entitled, "An Act to impoſe a Duty of Tonnage on ſuch Britiſh Ships or other Veſſels as ſhall come into any of the Ports of this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," informing that they had concurred with the Senate in their third Amendment to the Bill, and do not concur in the two firſt Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

The Senate having reconſidered their ſaid Amendments.

Reſolved, That the Senate adhere to their ſaid Amendment to the Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks carry the Bill with a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Cantine and Mr. Ruſſel) was received with the Bill entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth Bend and Grove Bend and their Creditors," informing that they do not concur with the Senate in their firſt Amendment to the eighth Page of the Bill, and had concurred in the other Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

The Senate having re-conſidered their ſaid Amendment.

Reſolved, That the Senate adhere to their ſaid Amendment to the Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks, carry the Bill with a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. W. Harper and Mr. Hopkins) was received with two Bills for Concurrence, viz. The Bill, entitled "An Act for the Relief of Jane Blake, and the Creditors of her late Huſband Jonathan Blake, deceaſed," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to naturalize certain Perſons therein named," which were reſpectively read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Ford and Mr. W. Harper) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands within this State," informing, that they had concurred with the Senate in their firſt, ſeventh and the laſt Amendments, and do not concur in the other Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

The Senate having re-conſidered their ſaid Amendments.

Reſolved, That the Senate adhere to their ſaid Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler, carry the ſaid Bill with a Copy of the preceding Reſolution, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, *April* 23*d*, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Preſident;

And the ſame Members (with Addition of Mr. Haring and Mr. Duane) as Yeſterday.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the bringing in, and ſpreading of infectious Diſtempers in this State," was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence.

The Bill entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Jane Blake, and the Creditors of her late Huſband, Jonathan Blake, deceaſed;" and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to naturalize certain Perſons therein named," were reſpectively read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of Andrew Mitchell and others, of Balls-Town in the County of Albany, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs by Reaſon of the Incurſions of the Enemy, when many of them were taken Priſoners, and praying an Exemption from Taxes laid upon that Diſtrict in the Year 1781; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for raiſing Taxes within this State.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, by Mr. Patterſon and Mr. Sickles, was received, with the following Reſolution, viz.

"*In Aſſembly*, 23*d April*, 1784.

"*Reſolved*, That a Conference be held with the Honorable the Senate, on their 8th, 9th and 10th Amendments to the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands, within this State," and which were not agreed to by this Houſe, at four of the Clock this Afternoon, at ſuch Place as the Honorable the Senate ſhall be pleaſed to appoint; and that Mr. Adgate, Mr. Ford and Mr. Purdy, be the Committee to manage the ſaid Conferrence on the Part of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their Reſolution for holding a Conference on the Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, that the Senate will meet the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, to hold the ſaid Conference at the Aſſembly-Chamber, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Reſolved, That Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Duane and Mr. Mc. Dougall, be a Committee on the Part of this Senate, to manage the Buſineſs of the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolutions to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raiſing £. 150,000, by Tax, within the ſeveral Counties therein mentioned," reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Senate having met the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, at the Aſſembly-Chamber (from whence the Legiſlature, for the Sake of Convenience, removed to the Court-Room, for the Purpoſe of holding the Conference reſolved upon in the Forenoon) after holding ſaid Conference, returned to the Senate-Chamber, and adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, *April* 24th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident.

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Humfrey) was received, returning the following Bills, viz. The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement of the Pay of the Levies and Militia, for their Services in the late War, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of the United States within this State," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to reſtrain the feeding and burning the Graſs, and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Iſland therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. Haring, carry the ſaid three Bills to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Humfrey and Mr. Clark) was received, with a Reſolution of their concurring with the Senate in their Reſolution of the 19th Inſtant, on the Petition of Stephen Van Renſſelaer.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Humfrey and Mr. Clark) was received, with a Reſolution of their concurring with the Senate in their Reſolution of the 20th Inſtant, containing Inſtructions to the Delegates from this State in the United States in Congreſs aſſembled.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring and Mr. Gaſherie wait upon his Excellency the Governor with a Copy of the ſaid Inſtructions, and requeſt his Excellency to tranſmit the ſame to the Delegates from this State in Congreſs.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Humfrey and Mr. Clark) was received with their Reſolution of concurring with the Senate in their ſeveral Reſolutions of the 22d Inſt. in the Caſes of Alexander Telford, James Reeves, junior, and Michael Myers.

A Meſſage from the Hon. the Council of Reviſion (Mr. by Chief Juſtice Morris) was received and read, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill entitled, "An Act to reſtrain the feeding and burning the Graſs and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Iſlands therein mentioned," ſhould become a Law of this State.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act for raiſing 150,000 l. by Tax, within the ſeveral Counties therein mentioned," reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to naturalize certain Perſons therein named," after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Jane Blake and the Creditors of her late Huſband, Jonathan Blake, deceaſed;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

Monday

MONDAY MORNING, *April* 26th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Rooſevelt.
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	

A Petition of Joſhua Mercereau and Adrian Bancker, Eſquires, ſetting forth, the County of Richmond's being in full Poſſeſſion of the Britiſh Troops, and out of the Protection of the United States at the Time of the Declaration of Independence; alſo that nine Tenths of the Inhabitants are excluded from voting, by Laws for regulating Elections, and praying Relief in reſpect to their Quota of Tax; and that the Privilege of electing may be farther extended to the ſaid Inhabitants; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Williams from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to amend an Act, entitled, an Act for relief againſt abſconding and abſent Debtors; and to extend the Remedy of the Act, entitled, an Act for granting a more effectual Relief in Caſes of certain Treſpaſſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read; and upon the Queſtion being put by the Preſident, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Oothoudt,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Yates,		

Thereupon *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments herewith delivered.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Cooper and Mr. Sickles) was received, with two Bills for Concurrence, viz. The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Inſpection of Sole Leather in the City of New-York," and the Bill, intitled, "An Act for granting Relief in certain Caſes of Executorſhip, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," which were reſpectively read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Sickels and Mr. Cooper) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act to raiſe five Hundred Pounds for repairing and finiſhing the Court Houſe and Gaol in Haverſtraw Precinct, in Orange County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," which was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of John De Ponthieu Wilkes, praying to be naturalized; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole to be taken into Conſideration, with the Bill for naturalizing Foreigners.

Mr. Williams (in Behalf of Mr. Morris) from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of certain Tenants in the City and County of New-York;" reported, that it was the Opinion of the Committee, that the ſaid Bill ſhould be rejected, which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, and upon the Queſtion being put on the ſaid Report, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Rooſevelt.
Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Klock,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Parks,

Thereupon *Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill be rejected accordingly.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raiſing 150,000l. by Tax, within the ſeveral Counties therein mentioned," reported the Proceedings to have been as follows, viz.

That Mr. L'Hommedieu moved, that the following Recital as contained in the Amendment to the Bill be expunged, viz.

"And whereas the Citizens of the Southern Diſtrict of this State, impreſſed with a juſt Senſe of the Exertions and Sufferings of their Brethren in the other Diſtricts, have by their Repreſentatives declared their Readineſs to afford a Teſtimonial of the Senſe they have of the Exertions and Sufferings aforeſaid."

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Floyd and Mr. L'Hommedieu.

That Mr. Duane moved, that the Blank in the ſaid Preamble be filled up with 80,000l.

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Schuyler,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Parks.
Mr. Whiting,			

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Duane,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Rooſevelt.

That Mr. Mc. Dougall then moved, that the ſaid Blank be filled up with the Sum of 100,000l.

That Mr. Yates then moved as an Amendment to Mr. Mc. Dougall's Motion, that the ſaid Blank be filled up with 300,000l.

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative by all the Members preſent, except Mr. Yates and Mr. Williams.

The Queſtion being then put on Mr. Mc. Dougall's Motion, it was carried in the Affirmative.

That upon coming to that Paragraph of the Bill as contained in the Words following, viz.

"That the Quotas hereby aſſigned to the ſaid Counties reſpectively, the City and County of New-York ſhall, by the Superviſors of the ſame, be apportioned to, and amongſt the reſpective Towns, Manors, Diſtricts and Precincts, within ſuch Counties reſpectively, according to what may be deemed their reſpective Circumſtances and Abilities, at the Time of making ſuch Apportionment."

Mr. Schuyler moved, that the Words, *what may be deemed their reſpective Circumſtances and Abilities*, be expunged, and to ſubſtitute the Words, *the Value of their reſpective Eſtates real and perſonal*, in their Stead.

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Ward,		

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Finck.

That

That upon coming to the Paragraph in the Bill, as in the Words following, viz. "That the Assessors shall thereupon forthwith proceed to make out within 20 Days next, after such Assessors shall be convened as aforesaid, Assessments on the several Inhabitants, Residents and Persons holding or possessing real or personal Estate within the Town, Manor, District or Precinct, according to the Estate and other Circumstances and Ability to pay Taxes, of each respective Person collectively considered, distinguishing in such Assessment-Roll, between the real and personal Estate of such Persons respectively."

Mr. Schuyler moved that the Words *Estate and other Circumstances and Ability to pay Taxes of each respective Person, collectively considered*, be expunged, and to substitute the Words *Value of their respective Estates, real and personal*, in their Stead.

Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it passed in the Negative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Haring
Mr. Webster,	Mr Yates.	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. L'Hommedieu.
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Ward		

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Schuyler	

That upon coming to the seventh Clause of the Bill, which exempts those who have been in Exile during the late War, from paying any Part of the Tax, Mr. Floyd moved that the same be expunged. Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it passed in the Negative in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Williams,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Allison.
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Swartwout,		

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. L'Hommedieu.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Townsend,	

That Mr. L'Hommedieu then moved, that the Words, *except such Persons who now are Members of the Senate, or Members of the Assembly for the Southern District*, be added to the said Clause.

That Mr. Stoutenburgh then moved as an Amendment, that the Words, *and have not paid Taxes within this State during the late War*, be added to Mr. L'Hommedieu's Motion.

Debates arose upon the said Amendment, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Roosevelt,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Finck.

For the Negative.

Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. L'Hommedieu.

That the Question being then put upon the Motion as amended, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Webster,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Schuyler,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Haring.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Morris.

That

That Mr. L'Hommedieu then moved, that the following Clauſe be inſerted, preceding the laſt Clauſe of the Bill, viz.

"And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſeveral Sums charged on the City and Counties aforeſaid, ſhall be raiſed in each of them, in two Inſtalments, the firſt one Half by the Time herein before deſignated, and the other Half in like Manner, ſo as that the laſt be paid into the Treaſury of this State, on or before the firſt Day of January next."

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Alliſon,
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Finck.
Mr. Ward,			

For the Negative.

Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Yates.

That Mr. Schuyler then moved, that the Words, *Collector of the Tax impoſed by an*, in the firſt Line of the laſt Clauſe, and the Words, *and all Proceedings on the ſaid Act ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby ſuſpended until the firſt Day of January next*, in the third and fourth Lines of the ſaid Clauſe be expunged, and after the Word *one*, in the third Line of the ſaid Clauſe, to inſert the Words, *is hereby repealed*.

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Townſend,
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Morris.
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Whiting,	

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Schuyler.
Mr. Webſter,		

Mr. Oothoudt further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act for raiſing 100,000l. within the ſeveral Counties therein mentioned;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read; and upon the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Gaſherie.		

For the Negative.

Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Schuyler,
Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Yates.

Thereupon *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act declaring certain Deſcriptions of Perſons without the Protection of the Laws of this State," reported, that they had made ſome farther Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. R. Harpur and Mr. Malcom) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City and County of New-York, to raise Monies by Tax, for the Purposes therein mentioned," and a Copy of a Resolution, that the said Bill, (notwithstanding the Objections of the Council of Revision to the same) be a Law of this State.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, *April* 27th, 1784,

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President.

And the same Members as Yesterday.

The Bill entitled, "An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New-York," the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting Relief in certain Cases of Executorship, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to raise five Hundred Pounds, for repairing and finishing the Court-House and Gaol in Haverstraw Precinct in Orange County, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," were respectively read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act declaring certain Descriptions of Persons without the Protection of the Laws of this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" reported that they had made some farther Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. W. Harper) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting certain Privileges to the College heretofore known by the Name of Kings College, for altering the Name and Charter thereof, and erecting an University within this State;" informing, that they had passed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Resolved, That this Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their Amendments to the said Bill.

Ordered, that Mr. Roosevelt carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Bill is amended accordingly.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (by Mr. Justice Hobart) was received and read, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Settlement of the Pay of the Levies and Militia for their Services in the late War, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Settlement of the Accounts of the United States within this State," should respectively become Laws of this State.

Mr. Allison from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to continue an Act, entitled, an Act for staying Executions in Suits against public Officers on Contracts, and Acts by them made and done in Behalf of the United States and of this State;" reported the Proceedings of the Committee as follows, viz.

That Mr. Yates moved, that the Words, *the first Day of February next*, at the End of the Clause be expunged, and the Words, *until the rising of the next Meeting of the Legislature*, be inserted in their Stead.

Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in the Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Finck.
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Oothoudt.
Mr. Schuyler,			

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Webster,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Haring.

That they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, added a Proviſo and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act to continue and revive an Act, entitled, an Act for ſtaying Executions in Suits againſt public Officers on Contracts, and Acts by them made and done in Behalf of the Uuited States and of this State;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. W. Harper) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands within this State," accompanied with their Reſolution, in the Words following. viz.

Reſolvod, That this Houſe do adhere to their Bill, entitled, "An Act to enconrage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands within this State," as far forth as reſpects the 8th, 9th and 10th Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

The ſaid Amendments as propoſed by the Senate are as follow, viz.

To expunge from the Word, *authoriſed*, in the ſecond Line of the ſecond enacting Clauſe, to the End of the ninth enacting Clauſe, and to ſubſtitute the following, viz.

"To direct and require the Surveyor-General of this State for the Time being, to lay out and ſurvey ſo much of the waſte and unappropriated Land in this State, in Townſhips, each containing 24000 Acres, as they ſhall from Time to Time deem neceſſary and expedient, and to direct, that each Townſhip be diſignated by ſuch Name as they ſhall think proper, and to the End, that each Townſhip may be bounded by four ſtraight Lines in all Caſes where it ſhall be found practicable: It ſhall be lawful for the Surveyor-General where Patented or appropriated Lands lay adjoining to unpattented or unappropriated Lands, and are ſo bounded, as that one or more Townſhips cannot be ſo laid out as aforeſaid, to include Part of ſuch Patented or appropriated Lands within the Limits of ſuch Townſhip or Townſhips.—That the firſt fifth Townſhip and every other fifth Townſhip be marked on the Map, *reſerved to the People of this State*, and that ſuch Townſhips as laſt aforeſaid, ſhall not be granted by the ſaid Commiſſioners until future Proviſions ſhall be made for the Purpoſe, that the firſt and third of the firſt four Townſhips and every alternate Townſhip between every fifth Townſhip be actually laid out into 48 Lots of 500 Acres each, and each Lot to be numbered, beginning at one Corner of a Townſhip with No. 1, and ſo on progreſſively to No. 48, that the out Lines of every fifth Townſhip not to be laid out into Lots as aforeſaid, be actually run out and marked.

That in every Townſhip to be laid out into Lots, and which conſiſts partly of appropriated and unappropriated Lands, the appropriated Lands therein contained, ſhall be protracted on the Maps of ſuch Townſhip, and the unappropriated Part divided into as many Lots of 500 Acres as it will admit of, or as near to that Quantity as may be, and the Lots ſo laid out and numbered from one progreſſively to the laſt, in ſuch Manner as the Surveyor-General ſhall deem beſt.

That in each Townſhip to be laid into Lots, and conſiſting altogether of unappropriated Lands, Lot No. 27, be reſerved for the Support and Maintenance of the Goſpel, Lot No. 28, for the Support of a public School or Schools.

That in Townſhips to be laid into Lots, conſiſting partly of appropriated and unappropriated Land, two Lots as nearly centrical in ſuch Towns as Circumſtances will admit of, ſhall be reſerved for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and ſuch Lots ſhall be marked by the Surveyor-General on a Map.

That in each Townſhip, *not to be laid into Lots and*, which may be located by this Act, 1000 Acres ſhall be laid out in the Center of each Town, the Southermoſt 500 Acres, for the Support and Maintenance of the Goſpel, the Nothermoſt 500 Acres, for the Support of the public School or Schools.

That the Surveyor-General ſhall file or cauſe to be filed Maps of all the Townſhips from Time to Time, to be laid out by Virtue of this Act in the Secretary of this State's Office, and in his own Office.

That

That every Perſon whatever ſhall be freely permitted to inſpect ſuch Maps, between the Hours of nine and twelve in the Morning, and three and ſix in the Afternoon of every Day, Saturday and Sunday only excepted, paying Six-pence to the Perſon holding the Office for inſpecting in the Forenoon, and the like Sum for inſpecting in the Afternoon, between the Hours aforeſaid; and in Order that ſuch of the Citizens of this State, or of any of the United States, or of any other Kingdom or State, who may incline to become Citizens of this State may be enabled to obtain competent Quantities of the Land aforeſaid:

3. *Be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That no more than one Lot of Land ſhall be located by, or for any one Perſon, excepting by, or for Perſons entitled to larger Quantities by Virtue of any Laws of this State antecedent to this, or by this Law, as the ſame is herein after particularly directed.

And in Order to Place every Perſon on a perfect Equality in the obtaining of the Lands, to be granted by Virtue of this Act, and to prevent any undue Advantages from being taken, by thoſe whoſe Means of obtaining information with reſpect to the Difference of Soil beween Townſhips and Lots, and the Advantage of Situation and other local Circumſtances.

4. *Be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That the Surveyor-General ſhall give Notice in at leaſt two of the News-papers printed in this State, of the Time when he ſhall judge the Surveys will probably commence; to the Intent, that Perſons inclining to become Purchaſers may attend either by themſelves or their Agents, if they think proper.

5. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That as ſoon as a Number of Townſhips not leſs than ten are ſurveyed and laid into Lots, and Maps thereof, and of ſuch Townſhips as are not to be laid into Lots filed in the Offices as hererin before directed, and ſo on ſucceſſively when other ten or more Townſhips ſhall have been ſurveyed; the Surveyor-General ſhall appoint a Day in which the firſt Location ſhall begin to be received by him, and give Notice thereof by Advertiſement, to be publiſhed in at leaſt two of the News-papers, printed within this State, and by like Notice ſent to the Office of the Secretary of the State, to be put up in his Office, and ſhall alſo put up ſuch Notice in his own Office, which Day ſhall not be leſs than 30 Days from the Day on which the laſt News-papers containing ſuch Advertiſement ſhall be publiſhed, and on that Day and not before, and on every ſucceeding Day, Saturday and Sunday excepted, all Locations which may be offered, ſhall be received by the ſaid Surveyor-General, in Manner following, viz.

The ſaid Surveyor-General ſhall cauſe a Box to be placed in ſome convenient Place, in, or near his Office, into which any Perſon inclining to obtain Lands by Virtue of this Act, may either by himſelf or his Agent put in a Tickets, on which Ticket ſhall be written the Name of the Perſon putting the ſame into the Box, whether he locates for himſelf or for another, the Name or Names of the Perſons for whom each Location is made, with the Additions and Place of Abode of each Perſon named in ſuch Ticket, the Number of each Lot, and the Number or Name of the Townſhip containing ſuch Lot, or the Number or Name of a Townſhip only where a whole Townſhip is located.—And that no more than ten Lots ſhall be located in one Day, by any Agent or Perſon employed by others to make Locations.—And in each Ticket containing two or more Names, there ſhall not be two Lots of the like Number in any one Townſhip, and where Townſhips are located, only one Ticket ſhall be put into the Box on any Day, by or in Behalf of any forty-ſix Perſons, whoſe Names ſhall be written on ſuch Ticket, and the Perſon who ſhall obtain a Townſhip, ſhall be precluded from locating any other Townſhip or any Lot, and that where any Perſon is an Aſſociate for a whole Townſhip, and ſhall become entitled to a Part thereof, ſuch Perſon ſhall not locate a Lot in any of the Townſhips to be laid into Lots by the Surveyor-General.

That on the Day next after the making of ſuch Locations, and as ſoon after the Hour of Nine in the Morning as may be, and in the Preſence of the Perſons locating, or of ſuch of them as ſhall attend, the Surveyor General, or his Deputies, ſhall take the Tickets out of the Box, and make a Regiſter of them; and if any two or more Perſons ſhall have located on the ſame Lot, or the ſame Townſhip, it ſhall immediately

ately be determined by ballot, between the Parties to whom the Townſhip or Lot ſhall appertain; and if all the Parties do not attend, then and in ſuch Manner as the Surveyor General ſhall direct by Lot; and after ſuch Determination, the Names of each Perſon, ſo become entitled to Townſhips or Lots of Land with his or her Addition and Place of Abode, ſhall be fairly tranſcribed into a Book or Books, and into duplicate Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe, with the Number or Name of the Townſhip or of the Lot written at length, and the Name or Number of the Townſhip wherein a Lott has been located by or for him or her; and ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or his, her or their Agents ſhall ſubſcribe his or her Name thereto, and on producing the Certificate of the Payment as herein after mentioned; and the Names of the Perſons ſo become entitled to Townſhips or Lots, ſhall be written in the Margin of the Maps with the Number of the Townſhips, or of the Lots located by or for him, her or them reſpectively.

That the ſaid Surveyor General, or his Deputy, ſhall on the ſame Day, if poſſible, or as ſoon after as may be, certify to the Deputy of the Treaſurer of this State, by the ſaid Treaſurer ſpecially to be appointed for that Purpoſe, the Names of the Perſons ſo become entitled to Land, and the Name of the Agent where Locations have been made by an Agent, ſpecifying the Townſhips and Lots reſpectively, and the Quantity of Land contained in each Townſhip or Lot.

That whenever ſuch Perſon or Agent ſhall pay the purchaſe Money as herein after directed, or ſhall have given the Security herein after required, to the ſaid Deputy Treaſurer, he or ſhe ſhall be entitled to receive from the ſaid Deputy Treaſurer, a Certificate of ſuch Payments, and upon producing and delivering the ſame to the Surveyor-General, or his Deputy, ſhall receive a Certificate that the Perſon or Perſons named therein, are entitled to a Grant for the Townſhip or Lots of Land therein particularly deſignated, which Certificates being delivered to the ſaid Commiſſioners, the Perſons reſpectively named therein, ſhall be entitled to receive Letters Patent, and they ſhall accordingly paſs under the Great Seal of this State, in Manner herein after directed.

Provided always, If the Perſon or Agent having ſo located as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect to make Payment or give Security as aforeſaid, within ten Days next after ſuch Certificate ſhall be lodged by the Surveyor General or his Deputy, with the ſaid Deputy Treaſurer; it ſhall be expreſsly the Duty of the ſaid Deputy Treaſurer on the Day next after the Expiration of the ſaid ten Days, to certify ſuch Neglect or Refuſal to the Surveyor-General, to the Intent, that the Lots ſo unpaid for may again become ſubject to Location, in Manner aforeſaid, as though the ſame had never been located.

6. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That every Ticket for locating a Townſhip, ſhall not contain a leſs Number of Names than forty-ſix, nor ſhall any Grant under the great Seal of this State paſs for a Townſhip, unleſs the Names of forty-ſix Grantees, at leaſt ſhall be inſerted therein.

7. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That every Perſon who ſhall have located and become entitled to a Grant of a Townſhip for himſelf and his Aſſociates, ſhall immediately after becoming ſo entitled, pay to the Surveyor-General the Sum of twenty-five Pounds, as a Compenſation for the Expence of running the outLines of ſuch Townſhip, and every Perſon who ſhall ſo become entitled to a Lot in any of the Townſhips to be laid into Lots by the Surveyor-General, ſhall either by himſelf or by ſome Perſon on his Behalf, pay to the Surveyor-General the Sum of twoPounds fifteen Shillings, as a Compenſation for running the Lines of ſuch Lot, and in default of ſuch Payment, it ſhall be lawful to, and for the Surveyor-General tſubject ſuch Townſhip or Lot to be again located, as though no Location had everbeen made thereof.

8. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That out of the Monies arising by the next preceding Section, it ſhall and may be lawful to, and for the Surveyor-General, to pay all ſuch Perſons as he ſhall employ in laying out and ſubdividing the Lands to be laid out by Virtue of this Act, and all Expences other than ſuchfor which he is to have a Fee, as herein after mentioned, and the Overplus, if anythere be, after having ſettled the Accounts with the Auditor of this State, to pay tothe Treaſurer thereof.

9. *And*

9. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any of the Townships to be laid out by Virtue of this Act, shall comprehend Lands located by Virtue of any Law of this State heretofore passed, *or which may be obtained in the Manner mentioned in the 14th and 15th Sections of this Act*, the same shall be laid down on the Maps of such Township wherein they may happen to lay, and Grants or Patents shall pass for the same as by this Act is directed for all Lands so located by Virtue of such Laws or Section as aforesaid; and that where any Person has become entitled to Lands by Virtue of such prior Laws of this State, or the said Section, and shall not have located the same, or having located, the Location shall not be allowed of by the Surveyor General, as covering Lands already located, patented or reserved for the Use of the State; it shall and may be lawful for such Person to locate any Lot or Lots in any of the Townships by Virtue of this Act, to be laid out into Lots not then already located by others; provided that such Locations or Lots as aforesaid, shall not exceed the Quantity of Acres to which such Person may be legally entitled.

10. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That there shall be at least one Settler actually settled on each and every such Lot in the said Townships respectively, whether the same is located in any of the Townships to be laid out into Lots by the Surveyor General, or by the Proprietors, within the Term of four Years, to be computed from and after the first Day of January next after the Date of the Letters Patent for the same; and on Failure thereof, the Estate of the Proprietor of every such Lot which shall not be actually settled within the Time for that Purpose herein before limited, shall cease and become void, and every such Lot shall revert to the People of this State; and that if any Person shall, at the the Expiration of the said Term, apply to the Surveyor General, for any such supposed forfeiteted Lot, he shall give such Applicant a Certificate of such Application, and as soon as conveniently may be by Advertisement to be published for eight Weeks successively, in two or more of the News-papers printed in this State, notify the Person or his or her legal Representative claiming such Lot by Virtue of the said Letters Patent, to appear (by a Day to be mentioned in the said Advertisement not less than 30 Days from the Expiration of the said 8 Weeks, before the Commissioners by this Act appointed, and to shew cause why such Lot should not be granted to the Person applying for the same: And if it shall appear to the said Commissioners at the Day mentioned in the said Advertisement, that the Lands are forfeited for the Non-compliance with the Conditions above mentioned, they shall grant the same to the Person who shall have made Application therefor, to the Surveyor General, on the Conditions by this Act directed.

Provided always, That Lots located by Virtue of this Act for Lands promised by former Laws of this State, *or the said 14th Section*, and which did not contain a Stipulation of Settlement, shall not become void for Want of such Settlement.

And whereas by a Law of this State, entitled, "An Act to prevent Grants or Locations of the Lands therein mentioned," passed the 25th July, 1782, a Tract of Country was set apart out of which the Troops of the Line of this State, lately serving in the Army of the United States, were to be provided with Lands.

And whereas afterwards, on the 27th Day of March, 1783, by concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly, a certain Quantity of Land was promised to each of the Officers, non-commissioned Officers and Privates, and other Persons designated in the said concurrent Resolutions.

11. *Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Commissioners shall require Returns to be laid before them, of all Persons entitled to Lands by Virtue of the said Act, or concurrent Resolutions, or of the legal Representatives of such Persons; and having decided thereon, shall certify the Names of such as shall appear to them to be entitled to Lands, thereby specifying the Quantity of Land each is to have, to the Surveyor-General, under the Hand of the Governor; which Certificate shall also designate in what Part of the said Tract of Country the Lands specified in such Certificate shall be laid out; and the Surveyor-General shall immediately proceed to lay out the same in Townships, of the Size herein before mentioned, and shall subdivide the same into Lots of 200 Acres on the Map, and shall transmit a Copy of such Map to the Commissioners aforesaid, who shall thereupon proceed by Ballot, or otherwise as to them shall seem best, to determine to whom each Lot, so laid out, shall

belong: And the Governor is hereby authoriſed to grant Letters Patent for the reſpective Lots as herein directed; and the Secretary of the State is hereby required to tranſmit the Names of the Perſons who ſhall ſo become entitled to Lots, with the Number of the Lot deſignated for each, and the Number and Name of the Townſhip in which ſuch Lot lays, to the Surveyor-General.

12. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That all the Officers, non-commiſſioned Officers and Privates, which belonged to the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. Lamb, on the firſt Day of January 1781, and ſuch of them as continued in the Service to the End of the War, or their legal Repreſentatives, be entitled to the ſame Quantity of Land as other Officers, non-commiſſioned Officers and Privates are entitled to by the joint Reſolutions of the Senate and Aſſembly, paſſed the 27th of March, 1783.

13. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That all of the Lands laſt mentioned which may be alienated within the Term of 5 Years from the Date of the Letters Patent, ſhall be regiſtered in the Surveyor-General's Office, to the Intent, that the Perſon holding the ſame by ſuch Alienation, ſhall be obliged to make, or cauſe to be made actual Settlement thereon, within five Years next after the firſt Day of January, ſubſequent to the Date of the Letters Patent, and in Caſe of Default of ſuch Regiſter or Settlement, that the ſame ſhall revert to the People of this State, to be recovered and diſpoſed of in Manner directed by the tenth Section of this Act, with reſpect to other Lands to be granted by Virtue of this Act: And that all ſuch Lands as ſhall remain in the Poſſeſſion of the original Grantee, or his or her Heirs ſhall be ſettled within ten Years, to be computed from the firſt Day of January next, after the Date of ſuch Letters Patent reſpectively, and like Proceedings ſhall be had in Caſe of Non-Settlement for vacating as is directed with reſpect to other Lands to be granted by this Act.

14. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That any Claimant of Lands under his preſent Brittannic Majeſty's Proclamation of the 7th of October, 1763, or by any Mandamus under his Sign Manuel, being now a Citizen of this or of any other of the United States of America, or the Perſon under whom he or they legally claim had obtained a Warrant of Survey, or for whom a Warrant of Survey was ordered before the 14th Day of October, 1775; or who had petitioned for Lands under ſuch Proclamation or any ſuch Mandamas, and the Prayer of whoſe Petition was granted by the then Governor, or the then Governor and Council of the late Colony of New-York, before the Day laſt mentioned, ſhall on producing an Office-Copy of ſuch Warrant or of the Order for ſuch Warrant, or a Tranſcript of the Record, granting the Prayer of ſuch Petition to the ſaid Commiſſioners, certified by the Secretary of this State or his Deputy; and if the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall determine, that on Principles of Equity and good Conſcience, ſuch Claimant is juſtly entitled to the Lands diſignated in ſuch Warrant, Order or Petition, they ſhall certify the ſame to the Surveyor-General, and if he ſhall certify to the ſaid Commiſſioners, that the Lands are not granted, appropriated or occupied, be entitled to and receive Letters Patent therefor, previouſly paying nevertheleſs for every Acre contained therein, the Sum of one Shilling as herein after directed, in lieu of the Quit-rents with which ſuch Grants would have been charged, and producing a Receipt from the Treaſurer of this State or his Deputy of ſuch Payment.

Provided always, That ſuch Certificate from the ſaid Secretary, ſhall be produced and delivered to the ſaid Commiſſioners before the Expiration of fifty Days next after the paſſing of this Act.

15. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That every Claimant being a Citizen of this State under ſuch Proclamation or ſuch Mandamus, and in whoſe Favour no Warrants of Survey has been iſſued or ordered, or the Prayer of whoſe Petition hath not been granted, and every Claimant under an Indian Deed, prior to the 15th Day of October, 1775, for which no Patents has paſſed under the great Seal of the late Colony of New-York; ſhall exhibit his or her Claim to the ſaid Board of Commiſſioners, within fifty Days next after the paſſing of this Act; and if it ſhall appear to the ſaid Commiſſioners, that in Equity and good Conſcience ſuch Claimant would have been entitled to a Grant of the Lands under the great Seal of the ſaid Colony,

Colony, the same shall be certified by the said Commissioners to the said Surveyor General; and if it shall appear to the said Surveyor-General, that the Lands so certified have not been heretofore granted, appropriated or occupied, he shall certify the same to the Commissioners in Manner before directed, to the Intent, that Letters Patent may pass to the Claimant, he or she previously paying therefor as in the next preceding Clause is directed.

That Persons insane, Feme Covert, Minors or Persons beyond Sea, being Citizens of this State, who may not be able to exhibit such Claims within the Time limited by the two next preceding Clauses, and who may in the Manner herein directed be hereafter found entitled to Land, shall and may locate Lots, not then already located or granted in any of the Townships to be laid out into Lots by Virtue of this Act, equivalent in Quantity to the Quantity they may respectively be entitled to, and shall receive Grants for the same in Manner directed, with respect to other Claimants as aforesaid, paying therefor in like Manner.

16. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Surveyor-General, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, shall give Notice by Advertisement in two or more of the public News-Papers printed in this State, to all such Claimants as aforesaid, to produce and specify their respective Claims to the said Commissioners, within the Time limited in and by the said two last Clauses.

17. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Persons entitled to Land by Virtue of this Act, shall pay for the same at and after the Rate of One Shilling per Acre; except for Lands which may be located and granted by Virtue of the Act, entitled, "An Act for raising two Regiments for the Defence of this State, on Bounties of unappropriated Lands," passed March the 20th, 1781, or by Virtue of the Act, entitled, "An Act for raising Troops to compleat the Line of this State in the Service of the United States, and the two Regiments to be raised on Bounties of unappropriated Lands, and for the further Defence of the Frontiers of this State," passed the 23d of March, 1782, or by Virtue of any other Law heretofore passed, or by Virtue of the Section of this Act, respecting Lands to be granted to the Troops.

18. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Mines of Gold or Silver, Salt Lakes and Springs, and Mines of Salt, which may be contained or found within the Limits of the Lands by this Act directed to be granted, shall be reserved for the Benefit of the People of this State.

19. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That Gold or Silver, Bills of Credit emitted in Pursuance of an Act of this State, entitled, "An Act for emitting Monies upon the Credit of this State," passed the 27th Day of March, in the Year 1781, for Gold or Silver—Certificates issued by the Agent of this State in Pursuance of an Act, entitled, "An Act to procure Supplies for the Use of the Army, and to prevent a Monopoly of Cattle within this State, and more effectually to prevent Supplies of Cattle to the Enemy," passed the 24th Day of June in the Year 1780—Certificates granted for Horses purchased by this State for the Use of the Army of the United States, in the Year 1780—Accounts liquidated and certified by, or Certificates granted by the late Auditor General of this State, and the Auditor of the State for the Time being, reduced to Specie Value (if not already so reduced) by the Continental Scale of Depreciation—Certificates issued by the Auditors appointed in Pursuance of the Act, entitled, "An Act to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States," passed the 4th Day of October, in the Year 1780, at the nominal Value expressed in all such Notes & Certificates, as Gold or Silver. Bills of Credit emitted by the Authority of the Provincial Congress of this State while it was a Colony, and the Convention of this State, at the Rate of One Dollar in Silver for every One Hundred and Twenty nominal Dollars in such Bills—Certificates issued by the Treasurer of this State, in Pursuance of an Act, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Payment of certain Monies taken on Loan by this State," passed the 13th Day of June, in the Year 1780, at the Rate of One Dollar in Silver for every Forty of the nominal Dollars specified in such Certificate, Warrants with Receipts thereon endorsed given by Virtue of the Act, entitled, "An Act to compleat the Continental Battalions raised under the Directions of this State," passed the first Day of July, 1780, at the Rate of One Dollar in Silver for each Bushel of Wheat specified in

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ſuch Warrants, Certificates iſſued by the Treaſurer of this State for Monies borrowed for the Uſe of this State, and directed to be paid by an Act, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Payment of certain contingent Expences of this State," paſſed the 25th Day of October, in the Year 1779, reduced to the Value of Gold or Silver by the Continental Scale of Depreciation, Certificates iſſued by the Continental Commiſſioner of Loans in this State for Monies lent to the United States, reduced to their Value in Specie by the Continental Scale of Depreciation, Bills of Credit emitted by the Commiſſioners of Loans within this State, agreeable to the Acts of Congreſs of the 18th of March, 1780; Bills of Credit emitted by the Authority of Congreſs, or of the United States of America in Congreſs Aſſembled, at the Rate of One Dollar for every One Hundred and Twenty nominal Dollars in Silver in ſuch Bills.

Provided always, That a Sum not exceeding Six Millions of Dollars in ſuch Bills ſhall be receivable for Lands to be ſold by Virtue of this Act, Certificates given, or that may be given by the Continental Commiſſioner of Accounts within this State for Services performed or Articles delivered by the Inhabitants of this State for the Uſe of the United States; Certificates given or which may be given by Virtue of the Act, entitled, "An Act to empower the Auditors appointed to liquidate and ſettle the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the Service of the United State, to grant Certificates to the Troops of this State in the Service of the United States, for their Pay accrued in the Year, 1781," paſſed at this preſent Meeting of the Legiſlature; Certificates given or to be given by Commiſſioners appointed by Virtue of an Act for the Appointment of Commiſſioners, to procure Monies on Loan, and Clothing for the Uſe of this State, paſſed March the 7th, 1781; Certificates given or to be given by Virtue of an Act, for the Settlement of the Pay of the Levies and Militia for their Service in the late War," paſſed this preſent Meeting of the Legiſlature be, and all and every of the ſaid Monies, Notes, Certificates and Securities ſhall be received by the Treaſurer of this State, and by his Deputy to be appointed by Virtue of this Act, or for which Payment is to be made by Virtue thereof, and that the Intereſt due or to become due thereon to the Time of Payment, ſhall be allowed to the Perſon or Perſons ſo paying the ſame, and that all ſuch of the ſaid Notes, Certificates or Securities herein before mentioned, and which are not negotiable, ſhall be, and hereby are declared to be negotiable from and after the Paſſing of this Act, any Law to the Contrary in any Wiſe notwithſtanding.

And whereas the Accounts of many of the Citizens of this State, are not yet liquidated;

20. *Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the Treaſurer of this State, or his Deputy, to be appointed by Virtue of this Act, to take from every Citizen of this State, who does not pay the Monies which he ought to pay for Lands obtained by him or her, a Bond with one ſufficient Security in double the Sum ſo due, conditioned to pay the Sum ſo due, with Intereſt at the Rate of ſix per Cent. per Annum, on or before the firſt Day of June 1785.

21. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That the Governor or Perſon adminiſtering the Government of this State for the Time being, the Secretary of this State for the Time being, and the Surveyor General of this State for the Time being, ſhall reſpectively, be entitled to the following Fees, to be paid by Perſons who ſhall become entitled to Lands by Virtue of this Act:

The Governor, for receiving and endorſing the Surveyor General's Certificate, for his Order to the Secretary to make out the Letters Patent, and for affixing the great Seal thereto, if for 500 Acres only, the Sum of ſixteen Shillings; and if for any greater Quantity, the Sum of two Pounds; the Secretary, for drawing and recording every Patent, the Sum of ſixteen Shillings, if for 500 Acres only; and for any greater Quantity, the Sum of two Pounds; the Surveyor General, for giving Directions to the Deputy Surveyor, for making the Maps, for ſuperintending the Balloting, for regiſtering the Names of Perſons locating Lots or Townſhips, for the Certificates to the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer, for entering the Certificates of the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer, or Payment being made, for his Certificates to the Commiſſioners, to entitle the Parties to Letters Patent, the Sum of eight Shillings for

for every Person named in the Certificate to the Commissioners, to be paid by the Persons respectively named in such Certificate, or by the Agent or Person to whom such Certificate shall be delivered. That no greater Fees shall be demanded or received by them or any of them.

22. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer aforesaid, to make an Abatement at and after the Rate of five Shillings for every Hundred Acres of Land which shall be certified unto either of them, by the Surveyor General, or his Deputy, as having been located by any Person or Persons, and for which such Person or Persons was to pay or give Security as aforesaid, as an Allowance for five Acres, to be appropriated for public Highways.

23. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all or any of the Duties enjoined on the Surveyor General by this Act, shall and may be legally discharged by one or more Deputy Surveyors to be thereunto specially appointed by the said Surveyor General.

24. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Letters Patent to be granted by Virtue of this Act, shall be of such Form as the Governor or Person administering the Government of this State for the Time being, together with the Chancellor and Judges of the Supreme Court, or any two of them, the Governor to be one, shall devise and direct.

25. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners, to direct the Surveyor General to set apart such Quantity of unappropriated and unoccupied Lands for the Canadian Refugees, in the Corps commanded by Brigadier-General Hazen, at such Place in the Northern Part of this State, as they shall think proper, not exceeding the Quantity of Acres to each, as is to be granted to the Officers and Soldiers of the Line of this State, by Virtue of this Act, and to direct Letters Patent to issue in like Manner as to the said Officers and Soldiers.

The last proposed Amendment being to expunge from the Word *Township*, in the 13th Line, to the Word *Hundred*, in the 15th Line of the 13th enacting Clause, and to substitute the following, viz. *and shall set apart in the Center of the Township, and in a Square, the Quantity of One Thousand Acres, the southermost Five*; as also to expunge the Word *Six*, in the said 15th Line, and to substitute the Words, *the northermost Five*; and to expunge the Words, *and Ninety*, in the 16th Line of the said Clause.

The Senate having re-considered their said Amendments,
Mr. Yates moved, that the Senate recede from the said Amendments;
Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Gasheric,	Mr. Outhoudt,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Parks,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Schuyler.
Mr. Swartwout,			

Thereupon *Resolved*, That the Senate do recede from their said 8th, 9th and 10th Amendments to the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Webster, carry the said Bill with a Copy of the preceding Resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition of Myndert Visle of Dutchess County, Farmer, praying Relief from Indictments found against him, was read, and committed to a Committee of the

Whole to be taken into Conſideration, with the Bill for declaring certain Deſcriptions of Perſons without the Protection of the Laws of this State.

A Petition of Nathaniel Shaler, Jacob Sebor and George Joy, praying the Reviſal of the Act for impoſing Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, ſo far forth as reſpects the Oath directed to be take by Maſters of Veſſels from foreign Parts, was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Inſpection of Sole Leather in the City of New-York;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Whiting from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the ſame, which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to raiſe five Hundred Pounds for repairing and finiſhing the Court-Houſe and Gaol in Haverſtraw Precinct, in Orange County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Whiting from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was again read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Whiting, carry the ſaid two Bills to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the ſaid Bills without Amendment.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *April* 28th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

A Petition of Catharine Bingham, ſetting forth the unſettled State of her Father's Eſtate, by Reaſon of the Minority of her Brother's Son, and praying a Law authoriſing her to ſettle the ſame, was read. Thereupon

Reſolved, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That Catharine Bingham have Leave to preſent to either Houſe of the Legiſlature at their next Meeting, a Bill to impower the ſaid Catharine Bingham to ſettle the Eſtate of her late Father Anthony Byvanck, deceaſed; and that the ſaid Catharine Bingham, previouſly cauſe the Subſtance of her Petition with a Copy of this Order, to be publiſhed for the Space of four Weeks in one of the public News-papers within this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Webſter, carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Youngs) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Richard Morris, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, from paying any Part of Share of the Produce of a Mine in the County of Weſtcheſter to the People of this State as Sovereign thereof, until the firſt Day of May in the Year of our Lord, 1795," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Henry Oothoudt, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, from paying or being accountable to the People of this State as Sovereign thereof, for any Part of the Iſſues or Profits of the Mine therein deſcribed for a limited Period," informing, that they had paſſed the ſaid Bills with the Amendments, reſpectively therewith delivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their reſpective Amendments to the ſaid Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Webſter, carry the ſaid Bills to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Bills are amended accordingly.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled "An Act for emitting the Sum of 150,000l. in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan and

nd to appropriate the Intereſt to ariſe thereon to the Payment of the Debts of this tate, and to ſuch public Exigencies as the Circumſtances of this State may from Time to Time render neceſſary;" after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumd the Chair, and Mr. Haring from the Committee reported, that they had made ome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Ruſſel and Mr. Hopkins) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to amend an Act, entitled, an Act for Relief againſt abſconding & abſent Debtors, and to extend the Remedy of the Act, entitled, an Act for granting a more effectual Relief in Caſes of certain Treſpaſſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act o continue and revive an Act, entitled, an Act for ſtaying Execution in Suits gainſt public Officers on Contracts, or Acts by them made and done in Behalf of the Jnited States and of this State;" informing, that they had concurred with the Senate n their Amendments to the ſaid Bills reſpectively, and that they had amended the Bill accordingly.

The ſaid Bills being ſeverally examined,

Ordered, That Mr. Klock return the ſaid Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (tranſmitted by the Hon. he Houſe of Aſſembly) was received and read, that it does not appear improper to he Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the Circuit Courts," the Bill, entitled, "An Act to aſcertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Aſhes," the Bill, ntitled, "An Act to raiſe the Sum of One Hundred Pounds on the Lands therein nentioned, for clearing and opening the Creek commonly called Black-Meadow Creek, n the Precinct of Goſhen, in Orange County," the Bill, entitled, "An Act to raiſe ive Hundred Pounds for repairing and finiſhing the Court-Houſe and Goal in Haverſtraw Precinct, in Orange County, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," and he Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Inſpection of Sole Leather in the City of New-York," ſhould ſeverally become Laws of this State.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act o naturalize certain Perſons therein named," reported, that they had made ſome farher Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until Half paſt 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Half paſt 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Youngs) was received, returning the two following Bills, viz. the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Richard Morris, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſigns, from paying any Part or Share of the Produce of a Mine in the County of Weſtheſter, to the People of this State as Sovereign thereof, until the firſt Day of May in he Year of our Lord 1795;" and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Henry Oothoudt, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, from paying, or being ccountable to the People of this State, as Sovereign thereof, for any Part of the Iſſues r Profits of the Mine therein deſcribed, for a limited Period.

Ordered, That Mr. Floyd carry the ſaid Bills to the Honorable the Council of Reiſion.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint Commiſſioners to ſettle and adjuſt any Differences which may riſe between the Proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New-York, the Buildings hereof were burnt in the Year 1776, and for altering the Streets which heretofore ere laid out adjoining to ſuch Lots:" After ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Preſident eſumed the Chair, and Mr. L'Hommedieu, from the Committee, reported the Proceedings of the Committee to have been as follows, viz.

That upon Motion for granting the Corporation in Fee ſimple, "the three Lots n Stone-Sreet, in the South Ward, and veſted in the People of this Sate by the Attainder

der of Frederick Philipſe, Roger Morris, and Beverly Robinſon, to enable them, by the Sale thereof or otherwiſe, to make Compenſation to ſuch Proprietor or Proprietors whoſe Lot or Lots may be adjudged to have decreaſed in Value by ſuch Alterations as may be made in laying out the Streets as aforeſaid;" Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Mc. Dougall.

For the Negative.

Mr. Ward,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Finck.

That they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, added a Clauſe thereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Dennis and Mr. Haight) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands within this State;" informing, that they had amended the Bill agreeable to the Amendments concurred in by the Senate.

The ſaid Bill having been examined,

Ordered, That Mr. Whiting return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, *April 29th*, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Preſident;

Mr. Klock,	Mr. Alliſon.	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr Schuyler,	Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Parks.
Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Ward,	

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint Commiſſioners to ſettle and adjuſt any Differences which may ariſe between the Proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New-York, the Buildings whereof were burnt in the Year 1776, and for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining to ſuch Lots," was read a third Time.

The Queſtion being put thereon, it paſſed in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Schuyler.
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Rooſevelt.	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Klock,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Ward.

Thereupon *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Rooſevelt carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and requeſt their Concurrence.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting Relief in certain Caſes of Executorſhip, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs. *Ordered*,

Ordered, That Mr. Parks carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, nd inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill with the Amendments there- ith delivered.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, was received and read, in the Words llowing, viz.

"*Gentlemen*,

"With this Message I have the Honor to communicate to the Legislature for their nformation, two Letters I have received from the President of Congress, incloſing n Act of Congress of the 19th of April.

GEO. CLINTON."

New-York, *April 29th*, 1784.

The two Letters from the President of Congress, and the Act of Congress, refer- d to in his Excellency's said Message, were also read, and committed to a Commit- e of the Whole.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act eclaring certain Descriptions of Persons without the Protection of the Laws of this tate, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" reported that they had made some rther Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act eclaring certain Descriptions of Persons without the Protection of the Laws of this tate, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" reported the Proceedings of the ommittee as follows, viz.

That Mr. Stoutenburgh moved for the following Question: *Whether any Descriptions f Characters shall be designated, so as to banish them from the State*? Which Question be- g put, it was carried in the Negative, in the Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Finck.	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Schuyler,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Yates	Mr. Floyd,	

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Haring. Mr. Ward, Mr. Stoutenburgh.

That Mr. Stoutenburgh then moved that the Bill be rejected, Debates arose, and he Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in the Manner fol- owing, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Gasherie,
Mr. Allison.	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Ward,	Mr Schuyler,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Roosevelt,
Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Haring,	

That upon coming to a Paragraph in the Amendments to the said Bill, which is in he Words following, viz.

"*Provided always*, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be taken or deemed o affect any Person who at the Time of committing any of the Offences aforesaid, as a Minor or Person insane;" Mr. Haring moved that the Words *under sixteen Years f Age*, be inserted between the Words *Minor* and *or*.

Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirma- ve, in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Finck.
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Ward,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. L'Hommedieu.
Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Floyd,	

That Mr. Yates then moved for the following Clauſe to be inſerted as an Amendment to the Bill, viz

"*And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That all and every Perſon and Perſons falling under any of the Deſcriptions herein before mentioned, and the Deſcriptions mentioned in the twelfth Section of the Act, entitled, "*An Act to regulate Elections within this State*," paſſed the 27th March, 1778, and who has or have not left this State, are hereby for ever diſqualified and rendered incapable of holding, exerciſing or enjoying a legiſlative, judicial or executive Office or Place whatſoever, within this State, and ſhall and hereby is, and are for ever diſqualified and incapacitated to elect or vote either by Ballot or *viva voce*, at any Election to fill any Office or Place whatſoever within this State; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall offer himſelf as an Elector at any Election hereafter to be holden for an Office or Place within this State, and ſhall be ſuſpected of or charged to be within any of the Deſcriptions aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the Inſpectors or Superintendants (as the Caſe may be) to inquire into and determine the Fact whereof ſuch Perſon ſhall be ſuſpected, or wherewith he ſhall be charged as the Cauſe of Diſqualification aforeſaid, on the Oath of one or more Witneſſes, or on the Oath of the Party ſo ſuſpected or charged, at their Diſcretion; and if ſuch Fact ſhall in the Judgment of the Inſpectors or Superintendants, be eſtabliſhed, it ſhall be lawful for them, and they are hereby required to reject the Vote of ſuch Perſons at ſuch Election."

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Parks.
Mr. Alliſon,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,

That Mr. Schuyler moved, that *Gyſbert Mercelius*, *Henry Staats*, *John Stevenſon*, *Henry Van Dyck*, *John Van Allen*, *David Van Schaak*, *Harman Pruyn* and *William Wray*, of the County of Albany, be permitted to return and reſide within the State until the End of the next Meeting of the Legiſlature, or until further legiſlative Proviſion ſhall be made.

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Swartwout.

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Floyd.

Mr. Oothoudt further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. "An Act to preſerve the Freedom and Independence of this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs. *Ordered*,

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the Bill, with the Amendments herewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, *April 30th*, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor President;

And the same Members (with Addition of Mr. Morris, and excepting Mr. Gasherie) as Yesterday.

Mr. Webster (in Behalf of Mr. Haring) from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for emitting the Sum of 150,000l. in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan, and to appropriate the Interest to arise thereon to the Payment of the Debts of this State, and to such public Exigencies as the Circumstances of this State may from Time to Time render necessary;" reported, that it was the Opinion of the Committee, that the said Bill should be rejected; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Table, and upon the Question being put upon the said Report, the same was agreed to by the Senate. Thereupon

Resolved, That the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

Mr. Finck from the Committee of the Whole, on the Message from his Excellency the Governor of Yesterday, reported as follows, viz.

That Mr. Schuyler moved, that the Committee should rise and report it as their Opinion, that an additional Member ought forthwith to repair to Congress, in Order, that this State may be represented by three Members.

Debates arose, and the Question being put on the Motion, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Webster,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Stoutenburgh.
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Schuyler,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Klock, Mr. Yates.

Thereupon *Resolved*, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) that in Pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 19th Instant, recommending, that each State at all Times when Congress are setting be thereafter represented by three Members at least; one other of the Delegates for this State be directed immediately to repair to Congress, so that this State may be represented agreeable to the said Recommendation.

Ordered, That Mr. L'Hommedieu, carry a Copy of the preceeding Resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Scott) was received, with a Resolution of their Concurrence with the Senate in their Resolution of this Morning, for sending an additional Member to Congress.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Scott) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting certain Privileges to the College heretofore known by the Name of Kings-College, for altering the Name and Charter thereof, and erecting an University within this State."

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

Mr.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to naturalize certain Perſons therein named;" reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks, carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them, that the Senate have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Sears and Mr. Coe) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair all common and public Highways and private Roads in the Counties of Ulſter, Orange, Dutcheſs, Charlotte, Weſtcheſter, Albany and Tryon;" informing, that they do not concur with the Senate in their 3d, 8th, 9th and 10th Amendments to the Bill, and had concurred in the other Amendments to the Bill.

The Senate having re-conſidered their ſaid Amendments. Thereupon

Reſolved, That the Senate adhere to their 8th and 10th Amendments, and recede from the other two Amendments, not concurred in by the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks, carry the Bill with a Copy of the preceeding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Purdy and Mr. Patterſon) was received with the Bill, entitled, An Act for raiſing 100,000l. within the ſeveral Counties therein mentioned;" informing, that they do concur with the Senate in their Amendment to the Bill, and had amended the Bill accordingly.

The ſaid Bill having been examined.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks, return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, *May* 1ſt, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident.

And the ſame Members (with the Addition of Mr. Gaſherie) as Yeſterday.

A Petition of Elizabeth Debeavois, Johannis E. Lott and John Vanderbilt, Adminiſtrators of the Eſtate of Jooſt Debeavois, deceaſed; praying Leave to bring in a Bill to empower them to ſell and diſpoſe of the real Eſtate of the ſaid Jooſt Debeavois was read. Thereupon

Reſolved, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That Elizabeth Debeavois, Johannis E. Lott and John Vanderbilt, Adminiſtrators to the Eſtate of Jooſt Debeavois, deceaſed, have leave to preſent to either Houſe of the Legiſlature at their next Meeting, a Bill to empower the ſaid Adminiſtrators to ſell and diſpoſe of the ſaid real Eſtate, and ſettle the Accounts of the ſaid Jooſt Debeavois, deceaſed, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition; and that the ſaid Adminiſtrators previouſly cauſe a Copy of this Order to be publiſhed for the Space of four Weeks, in one of the public News-Papers within this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck, carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. R. Harpur and Mr. Pell) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting Relief to Heirs, Executors, Deviſees and Legatees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" informing, that they had concurred with the Senate in the Amendments to the Bill, and had amended the Bill accordingly.

The ſaid Bill having been examined.

Ordered, That Mr, Parks return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Mr.

Mr. Schuyler moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, "to put the paper Securities, ith which the Citizens of this State, are inveſted for Monies loaned to, or Services erformed and Articles furniſhed for the Uſe of this State and of the United States, to a State of Circulation by Taxes, payable in ſuch Securities."

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly

Mr. Schuyler accordingly brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read a firſt Time, nd ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Van Neſs and Ir. Becker) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the better laying out, egulating and keeping in Repair, all common and public Highways and private oads in the Counties of Ulſter, Orange, Dutcheſs, Waſhington, Weſtcheſter, Al- any and Montgomery," informing that they had concurred in the 8th and 10th mendments to the Bill; and that the Bill is amended agreeable to the Amendments f the Honorable the Senate, not receded from by that Houſe.

The ſaid Bill having been examined,

Ordered, That Mr. Ward return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, (by Mr. Chief Juſtice Morris) was received and read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that he Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting certain Privileges to the College heretofore nown by the Name of King's College, for altering the Name and Charter thereof, nd erecting an Univerſity within this State," ſhould become a Law of this State.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Schoonmaker nd Mr. Youngs) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to naturalize cer- ain Perſons therein named," informing, that they had concurred with the Senate in heir Amendments to the Bill, and had amended the Bill accordingly.

The Bill having been examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſ- embly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Schoonmaker nd Mr. Youngs) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint Com- miſſioners to ſettle and adjuſt any Differences which may ariſe between the Propriе- ors of certain Lots in the City of New-York, the Buildings whereof were burnt in he Year 1776, and for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining o ſuch l ots," informing that they had paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments there- ith delivered.

Reſolved, That the Senate concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, n their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler carry the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſem- ly, and inform them, that the Bill is amended accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, *May* 3d, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

Mr. Ward,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Obthoudt,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Townſend.
Mr. Gaſhérie.			

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to put the paper Securities with which the Citizens f this State are inveſted, for Monies loaned to, or Services performed and Articles urniſhed for the Uſe of this State, and of the United State, into a State of Circu-

lation by Taxes, payable in ſuch Securities," was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Ruſſel) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint Commiſſioners to ſettle and adjuſt any Differences which may ariſe between the Proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New York, the Buildings whereof were burnt in the Year 1776, and for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining to ſuch Lots."

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Purdy and Mr. Thomas) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the bringing in and ſpreading of infectious Diſtempers in this State," informing that they had paſſed the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt carry the ſaid two Bills to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Purdy) was received, with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Hubbart;" which was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Nicholſon and Mr. Savage) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to authoriſe the Congreſs of the United States, to adopt certain Regulations reſpecting the Britiſh Trade," informing that they had concurred with the Senate in their Amendments to the Bill, and had amended the Bill accordingly.

The ſaid Bill having been examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Gaſherie return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Gordon and Mr. Savage) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to preſerve the Freedom and Independence of this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," informing that they had concurred with the Senate in their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and had amended the Bill accordingly,

The ſaid Bill having been examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Haring return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly,

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, *May* 4th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

And the ſame Members (except Mr. Haring) as Yeſterday.

The Bill entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Hubbart," was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Petition of John M. Scott, Eſquire, and a Petition of John H. Sleght, ſetting forth their reſpective Claims to a Houſe and Farm in Rumbout Precinct in Dutchess County, forfeited by the Attainder of John Kain, and praying the Legiſlature to confirm their reſpective Purchaſes; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill for the Sale of confiſcated and forfeited Eſtates.

Reſolved, (If the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly concur herein) That a joint Committee of both Houſes of the Legiſlature be appointed, to take ſuch Meaſures as they ſhall deem proper, in Order to have the Laws already paſſed or to be paſſed at this preſent Meeting, printed without Delay; and in Caſe of ſuch Concurrence

that

at Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Rooſevelt, be of the ſaid Committee on the Part of is Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution, to the onorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Petition of Jane Blake, Executrix of the laſt Will and Teſtament of Jonathan ake, deceaſed, praying a Law to direct the Sale of the Eſtate of the ſaid Jonathan ake, for the Payment of his Debts; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to be taken into Conſideration with the Bill now depending before the Senate, r the Relief of the ſaid Jane Blake, and the Creditors of her late Huſband, Jonaan Blake, deceaſed.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Savage and Mr. uſh) was received with their Reſolution of Concurrence with the Senate in their eſolution, for appointing a joint Committee of both Houſes of the Legiſlature, to ke Meaſurers reſpecting the Printing of the Laws without Delay, and that Mr. umfrey and Mr. Malcom be of the ſaid Committee, on the Part of that Honorable ouſe.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Savage and Mr. uſh) was received with a Bill for Concurrence, entitled, "An Act for the Payent of the Salaries of the ſeveral Officers of Government, and of certain contingent xpences, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," which was read a firſt Time, d ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Savage and Mr. uſh) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth nd and Grove Bend, and their Creditors;" informing, that they had receded from eir Non-Concurrence to one of their Amendments to the Bill, and had amended e Bill accordingly.

The ſaid Bill having been examined,

Ordered, That Mr. Alliſon return the Bill to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Gordon and r. Savage) was received with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the ſpeedy Sale of e confiſcated and forfeited Eſtates within this State, and for other Purpoſes therein entioned;" informing, that they had paſſed the Bill with the Amendments, therewith delivered.

The Senate proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the onorable the Houſe of Aſſembly to the ſaid Bill, and upon the Preſident putting e Queſtion upon the Amendment, which propoſes to expunge the Certificates (to granted by John Pierce, Eſquire, Pay-Maſter General for the Army of the United ates for final Settlement, and propoſed to be receivable upon the Purchaſe of the rfeited Eſtates) the ſame was carried in the Affirmative, in the Manner following, z.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Stoutenburgh.
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Williams,	

For the Negative.

Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Schuyler.
Mr. Rooſevelt,			

Another Amendment propoſed, being to expunge the Clauſe which authoriſes the ommiſſioner of Forfeitures for the Southern Diſtrict, to convey to Mrs. Ann White Eſtate therein mentioned, for the Sum of 3000l.

Debates aroſe, and upon the Preſident putting the Queſtion thereon, the ſame paſd in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Townſend,	

For

For the Affirmative.

Mr Yates,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Oothoudt.

Mr. Yates then moved for a Re-conſideration of the ſaid propoſed Amendment, and upon the Queſtion being again put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. Finck,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Ward.
Mr- Gaſherie,	Mr. Webſter,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Morris.

Another Amendment propoſed was to inſert the following Clauſe, relative to a Conveyance to Anna White, in the Words following, viz.

" *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That the Commiſſioners of Forfeitures for the Southern Diſtrict be, and they are hereby authoriſed to releaſe and quit Claim unto Anna White, Widow and Relict of Thomas White, late of the City of New-York, Merchant, deceaſed, the ſeveral Lots of Ground, ſituate in the North-Ward of the ſaid City, in the Garden or Place commonly called the Vineyard, which became veſted in the People of this State by the Attainder Thomas White, for ſuch Price or Prices as ſhall be determined to be the Value thereof, upon an Appraiſement to be made, in the ſame Manner as is directed in, and by the next preceding Clauſe of this Act, reſpecting Lands to be releaſed to Robert Watts and John Watts junior.

Provided, That Application ſhall be made for the Purchaſe thereof to the ſaid Commiſſioners by the ſaid Anna White, within the Time limited, and the Amount of the Appraiſement paid in Manner and Form, and within the Time as is directed and required by the Clauſe aforeſaid."

The ſaid Clauſe being read and conſidered, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment propoſed, being to annex a Clauſe to the Bill, reſpecting an Eſtate in Rumbout Precinct, forfeited by the Attainder of John Kane, and which had been conveyed to John H. Sleght.

Debates aroſe, and upon the Preſident putting the Queſtion thereon, it paſſed in the Affirmative, as follows, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Townſend,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Klock.
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Whiting,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Yates.
Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Ward,	

The Senate having proceeded through the propoſed Amendments. Thereupon

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in ſeveral of their Amendments to the Bill, and do not concur with that Honorable Houſe in their other Amendments, as they are ſeverally diſignated in the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt, carry the Bill with a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled " An Act to put the paper Securities, with which the Citizens of this State are inveſted, for Monies loaned to, or Services performed and Articles furniſhed for the Uſe of this State and of the United States, into a State of Circulation by Taxes payable in ſuch Securities," after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Finck from the Committee reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers f Government, and of certain contingent Expences, and for other Purposes, therein entiond," was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Senate unanimously resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the id Bill, after some Time spent thereon the President resumed the Chair, and Mr. othoudt from the Committee reported, that they had made some Progress in the ill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *May* 5th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President.

And the same Members (with the Addition of Mr. Haring) as Yesterday.

A Petition of Frederick Segond, Owner and Master of the Ship Dedalion, setting rth his Arrival on the Day of the passing of the Act, for imposing Duties on certain oods, Wares and Merchandize imported in this State, and praying the Interposition the Legislature, respecting the dutiable Part of the Cargo of the said Ship; was ad, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (delivered by Mr. Chief ustice Morris, in Behalf of Mr. Justice Hobart) was received and read, that it does t appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt ichard Morris, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, from paying y Part or Share of the Produce of a Mine in the County of Westchester, to the ople of this State as Sovereign thereof, until the first Day of May, in the Year of r Lord 1795," the Bill, entitled, "An Act to exempt Henry Oothoudt, his eirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, from paying or being accountable to e People of this State as Sovereign thereof, for any Part of the Issues or Profits of e Mine therein described for a limited Period," the Bill, entitled, "An Act to ppoint Commissioners to settle and adjust any Differences which may arise between e Proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New-York, the Buildings whereof were rnt in the Year 1776, and for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out joining to such Lots," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the bringing and spreading of infectious Distempers in this State," should severally become aws of this State.

A Memorial of Abraham Lott, Esquire; late Treasurer of this State, when a Coony, praying the Legislature to allow him a limited Time for discharging of the ebt due from him to the State; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act r the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of Government, and of certin contingent Expences, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" reported, that ey had madesome further Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move r Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (transmitted by the Horable the House of Assembly) was received and read, that it does not appear impro- r to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to continue and revive an Act, en-

titled, An Act for ſtaying Execution in Suits againſt public Officers on Contracts and Acts by them made and done in Behalf of the United States and of this State," the Bill, entitled, " An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair all common and public Highways and private Roads in the Counties of Ulſter, Orange, Dutcheſs, Waſhington, Weſtcheſter, Albany and Montgomery," the Bill entitled, An Act to authoriſe the Congreſs of the United States, to adopt certain Regulations reſpecting the Britiſh Trade," the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for Relief againſt abſconding and abſent Debtors, and to extend the Remedy of the Act, entitled, An Act for granting a more effectual Relief in Caſes of certain Treſpaſſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," and the Bill, entitled, " An Act to naturalize certain Perſons therein named," ſhould ſeverally become Laws of this State.

A Petition of Henry Glen, praying an excluſive Grant of the Carrying Place at Niagara for four Years; was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the ſeveral Officers of Government, and of certain contingent Expences, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;" reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill, and that he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, *May 6th*, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Yates,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Klock,	Mr. Parks,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Morris.
Mr. Haring,			

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Schoonmaker and Mr. Thomas) was received with the Bill, entitled, " An Act for granting certain Lands promiſed to be given as bounty Lands by the Laws of this State," informing that they had paſſed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered, one of the Amendments being to add to the Title, the Words, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

The Senate having conſidered the ſaid Amendments. Thereupon

Reſolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly in their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and had amended the Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuyler, carry the Bill with a Copy of the preceeding Reſolution, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Lott and Mr. Van Brunt) was received, with their Reſolution for Concurrence with the Senate in their two ſeveral Reſolutions of the 28th of April, and the firſt Inſtant, on the Petitions of Catharine Bingham and Elizabeth Debeavois, Johannis E. Lott and John Vanderbilt.

The Senate reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled " An Act for the Relief of John Hubbart," after ſome Time ſpent thereon the Preſident reſumed the Chair, and Mr. Finck from the Committee reported the Proceedings as follows, viz.

That Mr. Mc. Dougall moved, that the Names of Colonel Lewis Dubois, Major Benjamin Ledyard and Lieutenant William Tapp, be inſerted in the Bill.

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative as follows, viz.

For

For the Negative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Yates.
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Klock,		

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Roosevelt.

That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, added a Clause thereto and altered the Title in the Words following, viz. *An Act for the Relief of John Hubbart and Richard Varick*; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck, carry the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have passed the Bill with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Sickles) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for raising 100,000l. within the several Counties therein mentioned," returned by the Honorable the Council of Revision to that Honorable House with Objections, and their Resolution on the said Bill, in the Words following, viz.

Resolved, That the Bill (notwithstanding the Objections of the Council of Revision to the same) be a Law of this State.

The Senate having considered the said Objections of the Honorable the Council of Revision to the said Bill, and re-considered the said Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill (notwithstanding the Objections of the Council of Revision to the same) be a Law of this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Webster, carry the Bill with a Copy of the preceding Resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Oothoudt from the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of Government, and of certain contingent Expences, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" reported the Proceedings of the Committee to have been as follows, viz.

That upon coming to the Paragraph in the first Clause of the Bill, which is in the Words following, viz. "To the Honorable Robert R. Livingston, Esq; Chancellor of this State, for his Services in that Station from the first Day of July last to the first Day of July next, at and after the Rate of five Hundred Pounds per Annum," Mr. Yates moved that the said Paragraph be expunged.

Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, as follows, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Webster,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr Schuyler,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Allison.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates,	Mr. Klock.

That upon coming to the Paragraph in the said first Clause which was in the Words following, viz. "To the Honorable Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart, Esquires, Puisne Justices of the Supreme Court of this State, for their Services in that Station from and to the respective Times aforesaid, at and after the Rate of three Hundred and fifty Pounds per Annum," Mr. Schuyler moved that the Words *three Hundred and fifty Pounds* be expunged; and that the Words *five Hundred Pounds* inserted in their Stead.

Debates

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Schuyler	Mr. Finck,
Mr Yates,	Mr. Whiting,		

For the Negative.

Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Swartwout.

That upon coming to the Paragraph in the ſaid firſt Clauſe, which allows the Members of the Legiſlature *ſixteen Shillings* per Day, for their Services during the preſent Meeting.

A Motion was made to expunge *ſixteen*, and inſert *twelve* in its Stead.

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Ms. Yates,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Floyd,
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Rooſevelt,	Mr. Morris.	Mr L'Hommedieu.
Mr. Schuyler,			

For the Negative.

Mr. Finck,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Alliſon,	Mr. Klock,
Mr. Gaſherie,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Haring,		

That Mr. Williams then moved for the following Clauſe to be added to the Bill, viz.

"Whereas David Hopkins, Eſquire; one of the Members of the preſent Aſſembly, and one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Waſhington, by Permiſſion of the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (went to Waſhington County to attend the Court, there being no Judge in the County, other than thoſe attending in the Legiſlature) and returned.

"*Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Treaſurer of this State, to pay the ſaid David Hopkins the Sum of ſixteen Shillings per Day, for ſuch, and ſo many Days as the Speaker of the Aſſembly ſhall certify, for his travelling to and from the ſaid County of Waſhington."

Debates aroſe, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in the Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Parks,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Rooſevelt,
Mr. Webſter,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. Whiting,
Mr. Klock,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. Schuyler,

For the Negative.

Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Alliſon,
Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Stoutenburgh.

Mr. Oothoudt further reported, that they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and agreed to the ſame; which Report he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Senate. Thereupon

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks carry the Bill with the Amendments, to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, and inform them that the Senate have paſſed the Bill, with the Amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, *May* 7th, 1784.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

Adjourned until four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

4 o'Clock,

4 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Van Zandt and Mr. Schuyler) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the speedy Sale of the confiscated and forfeited Estates within this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. Roosevelt carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Van Zandt and Mr. Schuyler) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Hubbart and Richard Varick;" informing that they had concurred with the Senate in their said Amendments, and had amended the Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout return the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Yates and Mr. Paris) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of Government, and of certain contingent Expences, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," informing that they had concurred with the Senate in such of their Amendments to the said Bill as are for that Purpose designated, and do not concur in the other Amendments to the said Bill.

The Senate having reconsidered the said Amendments. Thereupon

Resolved, That the Senate do recede from such of their Amendments as are designated for that Purpose, and do adhere to the other of the Amendments to the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring carry the Bill, with a Copy of the preceding Resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, *May* 8th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President;

And the same Members as Yesterday.

Adjourned until three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Sears and Mr. Schoonmaker) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of Government, and of certain contingent Expences, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," informing that they had concurred with the Senate in their Amendments to the said Bill, and had amended the Bill accordingly.

The said Bill having been examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout return the Bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 8 o'Clock on Monday Morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, *May* 10th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President;

Mr. Ward,	Mr. Parks,	Mr. Finck,	Mr. L'Hommedieu,
Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Galherie,	Mr. Oothoudt,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Schuyler,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Kleck,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Duane,	Mr. Roosevelt,
Mr. Webber,	Mr. Yates,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,
Mr. Wisting,	Mr. Williams,		

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. Pell and Mr. Ford) was received, returning the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting certain Lands promiſed to be given as bounty Lands by Laws of this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. Floyd carry the Bill to the Honorable the Council of Reviſion.

Then the Senate adjourned until 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, (tranſmitted by the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly) was received and read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth Bend and Grove Bend, and their Creditors;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Hubbart, and Richard Varick," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting Relief to Heirs, Executors, Deviſees and Legatees, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," ſhould ſeverally become Laws of this State.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Nicholſon and Mr. Humfrey) was received, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waſte and unappropriated Lands within this State," returned by the Honorable the Council of Reviſion to that Honorable Houſe with Objections and their Reſolution on the ſaid Bill, in the Words following, viz.

"*Reſolved*, That the Bill, (notwithſtanding the Objections of the Council of Reviſion to the ſame) be a Law of this State.

The Senate having conſidered the ſaid Objections of the Honorable the Council of Reviſion, and reconſidered the ſaid Bill;

Reſolved, That the Bill (notwithſtanding the Objections of the Council of Reviſion) be a Law of this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh carry the Bill, with a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, *May* 11th, 1784,

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

Preſent, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Preſident;

And the ſame Members as Yeſterday.

Whereas in Purſuance of concurrent Reſolutions of the Senate and Aſſembly, of the 23d and 25th of March, 1778, the Books of Minutes and the Records, and other Papers belonging to the Office of Clerk of the Supreme Court, prior to that Time and lodged in the Secretary's Office, came into the Care and Cuſtody of the preſent Secretary of the State, and yet remain in his Office; and it is become neceſſary for the Suitors in the ſaid Court, and other Perſons intereſted, that the ſaid Books, Records and Papers, be depoſited in the Office of the Clerk of the ſaid Court;

Reſolved therefore, That the Secretary of the State be, and is hereby authoriſed to deliver to John Mc. Keſſon, Eſq; Clerk of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the ſaid State, all the Books of Minutes, and Records and other Papers belonging to the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, which now remain in the Office of the Secretary of the State.

Ordered, That Mr. Klock carry a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, for Concurrence.

Then the Senate adjourned until three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Becker) was received, with their Reſolution of Concurrence with this Senate, in their

heir Resolution of this Morning, respecting the Books, Minutes and Papers of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Then the Senate adjourned until 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *May* 12*th*, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, President;

And the same Members as Yesterday.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (delivered by Mr. Chief ustice Morris) was received and read, That it does not appear improper to the ouncil, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for granting certain Lands promised to be iven as bounty Lands by Laws of this State, and for other Purposes therein menti-ned," should become a Law of this State.

A Message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (delivered by Mr. Chief ustice Morris) was received and read, That the Council object against the Bill, en-tled, "An Act for the speedy Sale of the confiscated and forfeited Estates within is State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," becoming a Law of this State, inconsistent with the public Good:

"1. Because the Reasons set forth in their Objections against the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waste and unappropriated Lands within is State," delivered to the Honorable the Assembly the 10th Instant, and to which e Council refer with equal force, against the present Bill.

"2. Because by the said Bill the Commissioners for the Sale of the said Lands give o Security for the great Property that must come into their Hands; and in Case of eir or any of their Misconduct, the State will be be without a Remedy."

The Objections referred to by the Honorable the Council of Revision, as delivered the Honorable the House of Assembly the 10th Instant, are in the Words fol-wing, viz.

"The Council object to that Part of the 5th enacting Clause of the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the Settlement of the waste and unappropriated Lands within is State;" by which Certificates issued by the Continental Loan-Officer in this State, r Monies lent to the United States by the Inhabitants of this State, reduced to their alue in Specie by the Continental Scale of Depreciation, are made receivable by is State for the said waste and unappropriated Lands.

"1. Because the said Certificates are the proper Debt of the United States, and not of is State only; and it is inconsistent with the public Good and public Faith, that e Legislature should by Law, barter away the public Property of this State, for e Payment of the Debts of the United States, until the Debts of this State are ful- and perfectly discharged.

"2. Because receiving such Certificates as aforesaid, may interfere with the Arrange-nts of the United States for discharging the public Debts.

"3. Because the receiving the said Certificates will open a Door to fresh Frauds, and ve a certain Disguise and Covering to past ones, which will render their Detection ogether impossible, until the Accounts of the respective States with the United tes are settled; and though the Legislature may entertain the highest Opinion of Uprightness of the public Servants of Congress, they can never be justified by ir Constituents in passing Laws that hold up to such Servants, the highest Temp-ions to depart from their Integrity, and give them the Security, that such Fraud, ver discovered will be when their Representatives only can answer for it."

The Senate having considered the said Objections of the Honorable the Council of vision to the said Bill, and having re-considered the Bill, the President put the estion, whether the said Bill (notwithstanding the Objections of the Council to same) should be a Law of this State, and it passed in the Affirmative, in the nner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Ward,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Gasherie,	Mr. Swartwout,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Oothoudt,
Mr. Parks,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Floyd,	Mr. Haring.
Mr. Yates,			

For

For the Negative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Morris, Mr. Townsend.

Thereupon *Reſolved*, That the Bill (notwithſtanding the Objections of the Council of Reviſion to the ſame) be a Law of this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Oothoudt, carry the Bill with a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. R. Harpur and Mr. Lott) was received, returning the ſaid Bill with a Copy of the following Reſolution, viz.

Reſolved, That the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the ſpeedy Sale of the confiſcated and forfeited Eſtates within this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," (notwithſtanding the Objections of the Council of Reviſion to the ſame) be a Law of this State.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, (by Mr. R. Harpur and Mr. Lott) was received with the Bill, entitled "An Act to preſerve the Freedom and Independence of this State, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," returned by the Honorable the Council of Reviſion to that Honorable Houſe with Objections and a Copy of their Reſolution on the ſaid Bill, in the Words following, viz.

Reſolved, That the Bill (notwithſtanding the Objections of the Council of Reviſion to the ſame) be a Law of this State.

The Senate having conſidered the ſaid Objections and re-conſidered the ſaid Bill, the Preſident put the Queſtion, whether the Bill (notwithſtanding the Objections of the Council of Reviſion to the ſame) ſhould become a Law of this State, and it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Thereupon *Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill (notwithſtanding the Objections of the Council of Reviſion to the ſame) be a Law of this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks, carry the Bill with a Copy of the preceding Reſolution to the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Council of Reviſion (tranſmitted by the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly) was received and read, that it does not appear improper to the Council, that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the ſeveral Officers of Government, and of certain contingent Expences, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," ſhould become a Law of this State.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout and Mr. Gaſherie wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him, that unleſs his Excellency has farther Buſineſs to lay before the Legiſlature, the Senate will, with the Concurrence of the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly, adjourn this Day, to meet at ſuch Time and Place as his Excellency the Governor ſhall be pleaſed by Proclamation for that Purpoſe to aſſign and appoint.

Mr. Swartwout reported, that himſelf with Mr. Gaſherie had waited upon the Governor, when his Excellency was pleaſed to return them for Anſwer, that he had no farther Buſineſs to lay before the Legiſlature.

A Meſſage from the Honorable the Houſe of Aſſembly (by Mr. Malcom and Mr. N. Smith) was received, with the following Reſolution for Concurrence, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Henry Remſen, James Beekman and others of the State of New-York, Merchants, who have been in Exile during the late War,

Report, That they have mutually conſidered the Subject of the ſaid Memorial, and having aſcertained the ſeveral Facts which it contains, are of Opinion; that the Caſe of the Memorialiſts is attended with Circumſtances of peculiar Hardſhips; that that Claſs of Citizens, particularly, that their Goods and Merchandize were taken from them for public Uſe, and Payment made therefor, in paper Currency of various

rious Stages of its Depreciation, while at the same Time, they were by Acts Congress and of this State, inhibited from remitting to their British Creditors, hen they could have done so to Advantage, by investing their paper Money in- Bills of Exchange and Articles of Produce; and moreover as a Consideration r the Purpose of restoring Peace to the United States, the Memorialists are by the efinitive Treaty subjected to the Payment of the Claims of their British Creditors, hen by the Reasons aforesaid, as well as others expressed in their Memorial, they e in many Instances rendered incapable of doing so; and your Committee are farther Opinion, that not only as Merchants, but as Inhabitants of the State of New- ork, which was the first Place within the United States where the British Fleets and rmies commenced their Operations in Force against the Country, the Memorialists ere called upon, previous to any other Class of Citizens, to make Sacrifices of their roperty for the Support of the common Cause of the United States; and therefore ur Committee beg Leave to report the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That this Legislature enter- in the highest Sense of the patriotic Exertions of Messieurs Henry Remsen, James eekman and others, Merchants of the State of New-York, who have been in Exile ring the late War; and of the Justice upon which the Claims, as set forth in their emorial presented to the Legislature the 20th of last April are founded; yet, as the nited States at large, have derived equal Advantages from the Sacrifices of Proper- which they have been called upon to make for the Preservation of the Liberties of merica; the Application of the Memorialists ought to be made to the United ates in Congress assembled, and to that Honorable Body the Case of the said Me- orialists is by this Legislature most earnestly recommended.

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, their said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Parks, carry a Copy of the preceding Resolution to the Ho- rable the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Thomas and Mr. e) was received with the following Resolution for Concurrence, viz.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the Legislature will s Day adjourn, to meet at such Time and Place as his Excellency the Governor, Person administering the Government of the State for the Time being, shall by oclamation for that Purpose assign and appoint.

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly their said Resolution, and that they will immediately adjourn accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Ward, carry a Copy of the aforegoing Resolution, to the Ho- rable the House of Assembly;

And then the Senate adjourned accordingly.

End of the Seventh Session.

